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Atkins Named Labor Attorney By Mrs. Pisano

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Town Manager Katherine Pisano today announced the hiring of labor relations specialist, Attorney Ralph Atkins to replace Town Solicitor Lambert Ollari in handling the labor negotiations with the town's seven municipal unions and associations.

Atkins has most recently represented the town before the Massachusetts Labor Commission which is considering the establishment of a union for town department heads.

Formation Of A Union

Legal briefs to the commission have been filed by both Atkins, arguing against the formation of the union, and Teamsters Local 404 President Albert Tardy. Tardy favors formation of the union and his union is representing the town's department heads. A decision on the issue is presently pending.

While no negotiations are underway, Atkins said he expects negotiations to begin this spring.

The negotiations, affording unions a five percent annual increase for fiscal years 1984 and 1985, were made retroactive earlier last year following lengthy political battles. The snafus occurred when the council refused to fund the contracts negotiated by former manager Edward A. Caba.

Though funding for the contracts was eventually passed, it followed six months of stormy debate within the council chambers and in the press.

Councilors have argued that with the passing of each year the town is in less of a position to grant five percent annual raises. Over the past decade, this percentage hike has been considered the norm, if not at the lower end of the scale.

Councilors have argued that the confines of Proposition 2½, which allows the town an annual increase of 2½ percent over the previous year's budget, are not adequate to meet the labor increases of 5 percent annually. Accordingly, councilors claim more emphasis is put into pay wages in the budget with less funds for capital improvements, maintenance, and the acquisition of equipment.

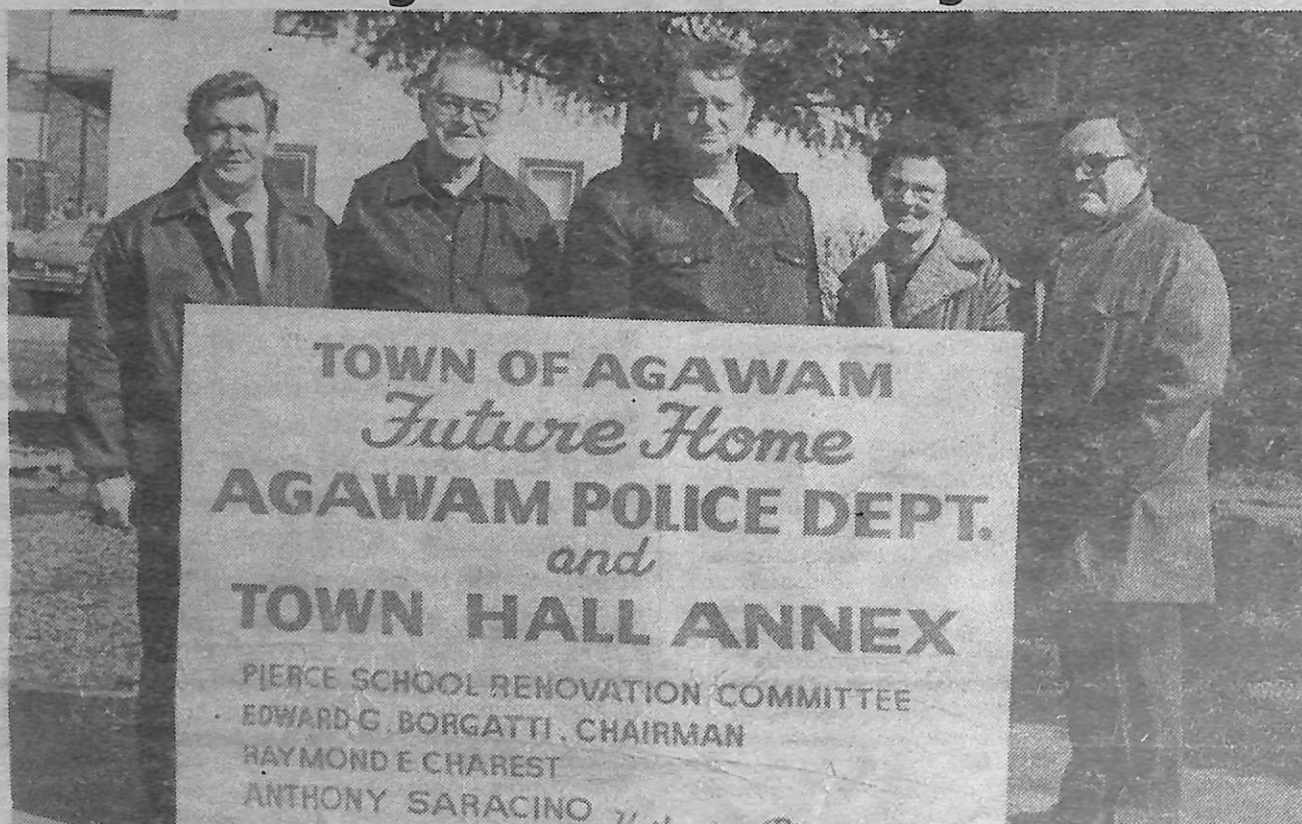
Atkins has served for 15 years in an array of labor positions throughout the Commonwealth and the country. He said he is looking forward to the challenge in Agawam.

Continue As Solicitor

While Ollari has been removed from conducting the negotiations, Mrs. Pisano said he will continue to serve as the town's solicitor, and may, as solicitor, become involved in labor disputes or rulings.

Mrs. Pisano added grievances from town personnel would continue to be heard in the manager's office, with legal action delegated to either Atkins or Ollari, whenever necessary.

Peirce Building Continues To Progress



MEMBERS OF THE PIERCE SCHOOL RENOVATION COMMITTEE, erected this sign in front of the former elementary school recently, to let townspeople know that work on converting the school into a police station and town hall annex is moving along. From left - Anthony Saracino, renovation committee member; Raymond Charest, renovation committee member; Edward Borgatti, renovation committee chairman; Katherine Pisano, town manager; and Donald Rheault, Town Council president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Volunteer Force



PIERCE SCHOOL RENOVATION committee member Raymond Charest and Edward Borgatti have volunteered over 100 hours in helping to move along the process of converting the school into a police station and town hall annex.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Firemen Raising Funds For Lancour Family

The Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association is raising money to help Kay Lancour and her family, whose house was gutted in January.

The North West Street family, according to association president Karl Schmaelzle, does not have insurance that will cover the full value of the loss.

Mrs. Lancour is the wife of deceased Agawam firefighter Edward Lancour. He died of cancer in 1980 and a review board later found the disease to be related to his job.

Schmaelzle told us that insurance investigators have not yet a dollar value on damage caused by the fire, but Acting Fire Chief Russell Jenks said the damage to be well over \$50,000.

According to Schmaelzle, the firefighters association normally does not raise money for fire victims, but it is making a special exception in the Lancour's case because Edward served in the department for 18 years until his death.

Edward's son, James, is now a firefighter.

Anyone wishing to donate to the family should send a check payable to Kay Lancour Fire Recovery Fund, c/o the Agawam Federal Credit Union, 381 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, 01001.

Donations will also be accepted at the Springfield Street fire station in Feeding Hills.

To Our Readers...

Please remember that the annual fundraising drive for the Captain Charles Leonard House is now in progress. Please consider a tax deductible donation to Agawam's most famous historic site.

Westmass Surges Ahead On Filling Agawam I-Park

Westmass Area Development Corporation recently announced results of the first year of marketing and site development at the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. The announcement was hailed by local officials, and has led area development professionals to call the Agawam Park the most significant industrial park program ever initiated in Western Massachusetts.

During 1984, the first phase of Bowles Road was completed through the I-Park and a major sewer line was constructed in Silver Street. These improvements led directly to the sale of sites in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park to seven firms. Four of these facilities are completed or under construction, with construction scheduled to begin on the remaining three by early spring.

When all seven projects are completed by this autumn, the I-Park will contain 321,000 square feet of top-quality building space and provide over 620 jobs. Annual tax revenue from the seven projects is expected to exceed \$228,000.

Kenneth C. Tichacek, senior vice president of Westmass, reported, "We believe these results are a major step towards our ultimate goal of creating 4,000 jobs and providing \$1.2 million a year in tax revenue for the Town of Agawam. These first I-Park residents are all in the forefront of the modern technological revolution and are growing rapidly. All of them are already actively planning expansions of their new facilities in the Agawam Park."

Based upon the growth projections of those firms, Tichacek estimates their employment in the park will at least double by 1988.

The new industrial park residents are profiled below:

EBTEC Corporation - This laser production manufacturer is now moving into their new facility where they will employ 50 people. EBTEC will also continue to operate in its existing facility on Shoemaker Lane.

Martin Industries - A major robotics manufacturer, Martin will begin increasing its employment to 150 people upon completion of its new facility this summer.

Olympic Manufacturing Group - Olympic's president is Agawam resident Arthur Jacobsen, who indicates that this manufacturer and distributor of building system products plans to occupy its new facility by March 1st and eventually employ 40 individuals.

Agawam Business and Executive Park - This facility is nearing completion and will provide leased space for a variety of manufacturing, office and showroom uses.

Commercial Scale Co., Inc. - Commercial Scale distributes precision measuring devices for virtually any commercial or industrial application. This spring, the firm will begin construction of a 20,000 square foot facility on Bowles Road, where it plans to employ 27 people.

Pre-MAT/DFM/DFA - These associated firms manufacture high-precision machined products for major high-tech clients. To accommodate their rapid growth, the firms plan to construct a facility of at least 93,000 square feet and employ 250 people as soon as possible. Construction will begin as soon as all necessary approvals are given for the extension of Bowles Road.

National Aerospace - This long-time Agawam resident has outgrown its facility on Ramah Circle. While the firm can move elsewhere, National Aerospace has

Walsh On New House Committee



THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the newly-formed House Committee on Personnel and Administration is held at the State House in Boston. Seen here, from left are: Representative Michael Walsh of Agawam; Rep. Edward LeLacheur of Lowell, vice-chairman of the committee; Rep. Michael Rea, Jr., of Billerica, chairman of the committee; and Rep. Iris Holland of Longmeadow. Among its many duties, the committee is charged with the responsibility of protecting the historic value of the State House, which contains many priceless artifacts.

indicated a strong desire to remain in Agawam and has selected an Industrial Park site to construct a major new facility. Employment is expected to triple to 120 jobs.

The National Aerospace project is contingent upon timely extension of Bowles Road as well as approval from the state for financing under the Economic Development Set-Aside Program.

In making the announcement, Tichacek indicated that while Westmass is proud of its progress, "We repeat every chance we get that this is not just a Westmass project, but a joint effort by Westmass and the Town of Agawam. Our success or our failure will always be directly dependent upon active support from the town and the community's faith in its own future."

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MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Thursday, February 21st
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:30 P.M.

Monday, February 25th
SCHOOLS REOPEN

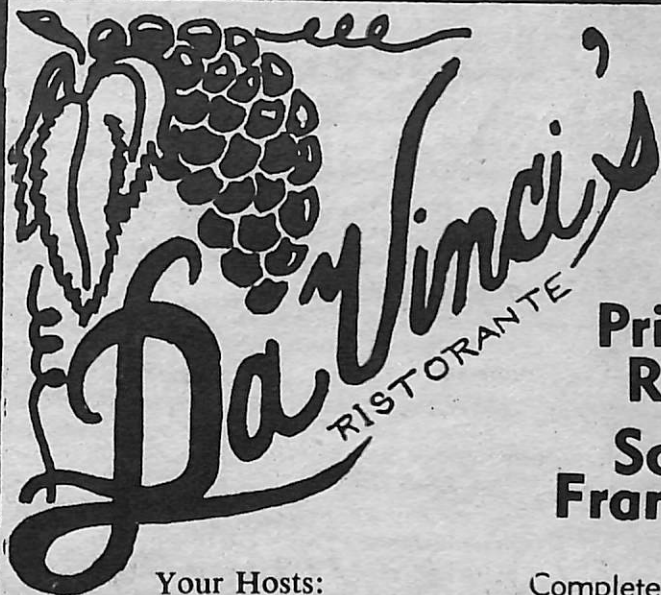
Tuesday, February 27th
Agawam School Committee
Junior High School
7:00 P.M.

Monday, March 4th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

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Basketball Parents Initiate Candy Drive

The freshmen, junior varsity and varsity basketball players from the Agawam schools, with the help of the cheerleaders and the Agawam High Basketball Parents Association, will be conducting a one day "Candy Blitz" of the entire town of Agawam on Saturday, February 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gerri Milliken, Agawam Basketball Parents Association president, asks the support of all townspeople as the success of this blitz will enable the association to set-up a permanent fund for scholarships to be carried from year to year.

Roger and Audrey Chausse of Fordham Avenue, are co-chairpersons of this event. Anyone wishing more information or willing to help, is urged to contact them.

Agawam Fair Housing Comm. Has Three Vacancies

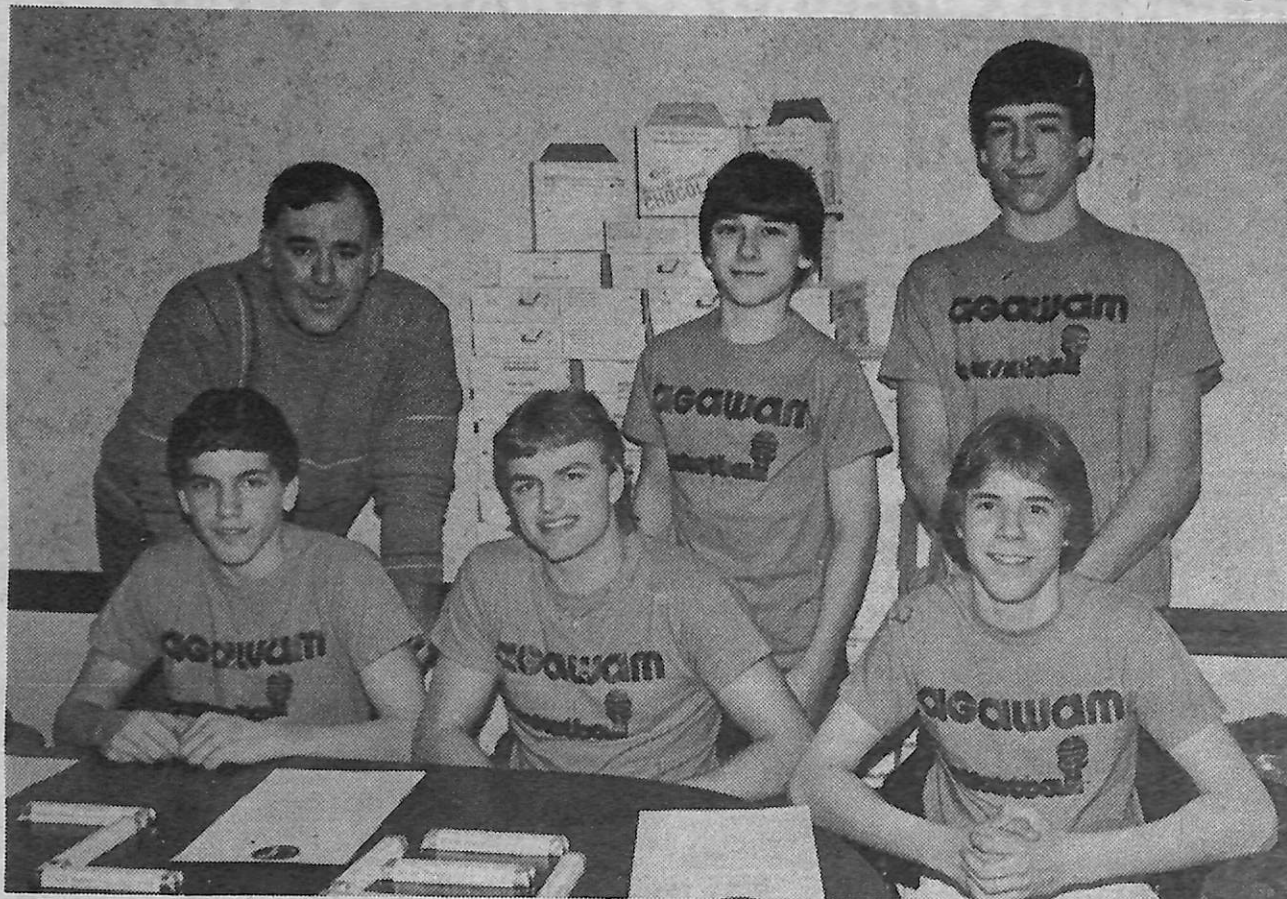
The Agawam Fair Housing Committee has three vacancies which it would like to fill as soon as possible. The Fair Housing Committee, comprised of seven members and appointed by the Town Manager, is responsible for ensuring that all persons have equal rights and are not denied housing in the Town of Agawam.

The committee has been in existence since 1983 and has prepared a Fair Housing Plan which dictates its course of action. The committee hears housing complaints, reviews the status of public housing authorities, and serves as an educational body to inform residents of their rights under the Fair Housing Practice Law.

The committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

For more information please call Deborah Dachos at Agawam Town Hall, at 786-0400.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PARENT Roger Chausse (back-left) with schoolboy basketball players planning the Saturday, February 23rd, candy drive. Next to Chausse are Paul Poole and Mike Chausse. In front - Tim Lockwood, Brian Litz, and Steve Milliken. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Senator Melconian Announces Shoemaker Lane Funding

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced today that the Department of Public Works has granted a contract award of \$1,781,000 for resurfacing, adjusting drainage structures, water and sewer construction, and pavement markings on Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.

The project will begin at the intersection of Suffield Street (Route 75) and proceed northwesterly to the intersection of Poplar Street. The work shall be done in such a manner that traffic will be maintained through the work with maximum safety and convenience.

The work is scheduled to be completed by June 1986.

Registry of Deeds

Total documents for the week ending February 1st

REGISTRY		LAND REGISTRATION	
Deeds	257	Deeds	7
Mortgages	255	Mortgages	3
Discharges	130	Discharges	9
Attachments	14	Attachments	0
Foreclosures	2	Foreclosures	0
Miscellaneous	500	Miscellaneous	14
Total	1,158	Total	33

Submitted by: Donald E. Ashe Register of Deeds

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A FIRE WHICH KILLED FEEDING HILLS resident Stanley Rogowski, 76, in his two-story, wood-frame home on Monday, February 18th, was ruled accidental and blamed on an overloaded electrical outlet in a first floor bedroom, according to local officials. Flames completely engulfed the first and second floors and gutted the building. In photo above, an exhausted firefighter leaves the razed structure...



...while in this photo, firefighters feverishly work to extinguish the blaze, which was called an inferno by Agawam Fire Lt. Gary Schneider. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CHECK OUR CLASSIFIEDS

Knapp Calls '84 "One Of Finest" For Westfield Savings

Westfield: The year 1984 was "one of the finest" in the history of the Westfield Savings Bank, Chairman of the Board Arthur W. Knapp told the 132nd annual meeting of the bank's corporators Tuesday night, February 19th, at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

An almost \$18 million increase in total assets brought that figure to more than \$200 million on December 31st, 1984, Knapp reported. "This is a milestone figure that reflects the significant role of the Westfield Savings Bank in the economy of our communities," he added.

The bank's earnings in 1984 "continued at a very satisfactory level," Knapp said, "with total income amounting to \$20.1 million. Of this amount, interest paid to savings depositors totaled \$15.5 million, "emphasizing the mutual savings bank philosophy of returning earnings to depositors."

Savings deposits at year's end totaled \$182.1 million, a record high, representing a gain for the year of \$16.5 million, "a remarkable increase when you consider the number of and variety of competitors for the savings dollar today."

Mr. Knapp told the corporators he anticipates "strong home mortgage activity in the year ahead."

"There is a large and unfilled need for homes in the bank's service area, and we will be continuing to specialize in the real estate financing that is one of the great strengths of mutual savings banking."

The Westfield Savings Bank chairman noted that the trend in home mortgage banking has been, and will continue to be, toward the adjustable rate mortgages which can rise and fall with rate swings.

"Even though interest rates are not presently as volatile as they have been in the past, the adjustable rate concept is a lending procedure that affords effective protection for both the lender and the borrower."

Knapp stated, "There is every reason to believe that 1985 will be another splendid year for the Westfield Savings Bank. I am optimistic about the economy and the ability of our nation to move ahead with strength."

The achievement of the \$200 million assets figure, Mr. Knapp said, indicates the community acceptance of "a local bank operated by local people. We are part of the communities we serve, and the members of our staff are the neighbors and friends of our customers."

The bank's four offices, two in Westfield and the offices in Agawam and West Springfield, are in modern, excellent condition, Knapp said. "We foresee no major expenditures there in the years immediately ahead."

During the meeting, corporators re-elected the following members of the Board of Trustees to three-year terms: Richard C. Armstrong, Charles F. Chunglo, David C. Colton, Jr., Alvah W. Elzerman, Philip C. Smith, and Donald A. Williams, president.

Knapp was re-elected chairman of the board; Williams, president; Thomas J. Howard, executive vice-president; treasurer Victor J. Carra, vice-president; and Gary W. Petersen, assistant vice-president. Attorney Horace N. Fuller was re-elected clerk of the corporation.

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Editorial

Paleologopoulos Owes Apology

The statements issued by four-term Precinct 5 Town Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos last week about Agawam's poor image didn't sit well with us and served as a slap in the face to the residents of this community.

In bitterly attacking the council, a board he has sat on for nearly eight years, Councilor Paleologopoulos further cultivates the bad-rap on this community and leaves serious doubt as to his continued effectiveness as a public servant.

At the very least, he owes townspeople a public apology.

It also bears witness to the fact that Councilor Paleologopoulos is wallowing in sour grapes and presently drowning in a sea of discontent over his political status.

This latest nonsense began when a public relations firm in Springfield offered Town Council President Donald M. Rheault its services to improve the town's image, [by becoming a consultant to our "Board of Selectmen" to change our community's image from negative to positive].

When Rheault refused to consider the proposal because he disagreed with it, Councilor Paleologopoulos launched his disquieting revelations in two published reports.

Councilor Rheault's good judgement in this instance in refusing to bad-mouth Agawam and point-out its many good qualities is noteworthy. And how serious can this offer have been when the firm's president failed to realize our Board of Selectmen no longer exists?

Apparently, Councilor Paleologopoulos saw some amusement in tearing down the community through the press.

He said this about the firm's offer to improve Agawam's "image": "It's like asking the skunk if it wants you to get rid of the smell in his room," or "Part of my amusement was caused by your presumptuousness (the PR firm) that you could in any way offset the years of ineptitude that we in Agawam politics have spent in building this odiferous reputation."

We aren't amused. Regardless of Councilor Paleologopoulos' sentiments about the town's image, we are quite adamant in our admiration for this community and find bitter salvos such as these from an elected official certainly not in the town's best interest.

In our six years as the town's hometown newspaper, we remain amazed at the town's good fortune. We find Agawam's "image" quite different from the ugly one that Councilor Paleologopoulos so vividly portrayed.

We dare anyone to find another community in this area with more generous and giving volunteer clubs, organizations, or groups. The good deeds of these people, whether it be through the church or a private group, from the smallest child to the senior citizen, continues to be ever-present.

How about the merchants? We have first-hand knowledge of the many donations and generosity by the businessmen of Agawam. Ask any civic group. They'll quickly respond

that the businesses of this town are always there in time of need. Period.

Need a policeman? Or what about an emergency medical technician? A fireman? Sometime, after a snowstorm, travel over the roadways of a neighboring community -there's no comparison to Agawam.

Our local professional forces that maintain and protect our public and individual safety are there in our time of need...the many thank-you's to these groups in our letters-to-the-editor page over the years is a small sampling of the good work being done.

If Agawam has such an image problem, why does the community continue to be one of the fastest growing in all of Massachusetts? Why are many businesses prospering and many more opening here each year. What makes this town such a desirable place to live? Why do we have a 200-member Chamber of Commerce that began just a few years ago and is continuing to flourish?

Is this "image" a detriment to industrial growth? Obviously not. The Agawam Regional Industrial Park is reaching full capacity at a rate almost double to what officials projected...This too, in the wake of a town being run by a government that Councilor Paleologopoulos claims has a worse image than Communist Nicaragua.

Perhaps a motivating reason for Councilor Paleologopoulos' statements are revealed in this comment: "I am a member of the Agawam Town Council. However, I stoutly claim a minority position and I plead innocent on the grounds of impotency."

This is certainly ironic. For the better part of his four terms, Councilor Paleologopoulos has been an active member of the "Town Council Majority" and only since January 1984 can he "stoutly claim" a minority position. By pleading "political impotency," we suggest that Councilor Paleologopoulos may in fact be describing his tenure as a MAJORITY member of the council.

Didn't Councilor Paleologopoulos admit that he was part of the "ineptitude that we in Agawam politics have spent" in forging this so-called bad-boy image of Agawam?

Now, he would lead us to believe with another statement that in one short year as a minority council member, he cannot be held responsible for "the myopia of the council which, in my opinion, is the primary source of the stench."

If this actually is the case, Councilor Paleologopoulos should immediately re-examine his role on the Agawam Town Council.

Our view is not to suggest all in Agawam is sugar and spice. Yet, we'd rather pontificate on all the good in this community than spin giant shadows of "bad imagery" on the town because of sour grapes due to "political impotency." One would expect more from a veteran public official.

As for a public apology from the councilor to the Town of Agawam, we feel none is coming.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 7, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing, will be to hear the petition of Paul Baskis, for a Definitive Plan, on Marla Place. This 7.55 acres of land off Barry Street in the South West section of town will have a new street about 360 feet long with 5 new lots for single family homes.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: February 21st, 1985

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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 7, 1985, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of VOSS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP to rezone approximately 9.61 acres of land from Business B to Residential A-3 located on the southerly side of Tennis Road, being further described as follows:

Beginning as a point on the Southerly side of Tennis Road said point marking the Northeast corner of property herein described and the Northwest corner of land of Double D Realty, Inc.; running thence S 31 40 11 E along land of Double D Realty, Inc. a distance of 150.58 ft. to a point; thence continuing along land of Double D Realty, Inc. and land of Cassidy S 7 16 54 E a distance of 606.14 ft. to a point at other land of Double D Realty, Inc.; thence turning and running along last named land S 52 34 08 W a distance of 147.38 ft. to a point; thence continuing along last named land S 63 12 26 W a distance of 177.18 ft. to a point; thence turning and continuing along land of Double D Realty, Inc. S 18 47 34 E a distance of 400 ft. to a point at other land of Brooks; thence turning and running along last named land N 75 25 03 W a distance of 319.28 ft. to a point and N 37 33 38 W a distance of 170 ft. to a point at other land of Double D Realty, Inc.; thence turning and running along last named land the following courses

N 52 26 22 E 125 ft.
N 64 41 34 E 100 ft.
N 23 52 33 W 300.05 ft.
N 39 09 58 W 350.75 ft.
N 83 02 35 E 208.51 ft.
and N 06 57 25 W 320.00 to a point on the Southerly side of Tennis Road; thence turning and running along the southerly side of Tennis Road N 83 02 35 a distance of 326.02 ft. to a point of curve; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 325 ft. and as arc distance of 66.49 ft. to the point at the place of beginning.
Containing 9.61 Acres of land.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: February 21st, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of the following persons who are seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 36 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the retention of existing single family residences with less than the required setbacks: GLENN M. & JOAN C. SMITH, 32 NICOLE TER; ALFREDO M. & YOLANDA R. SETTEMBRE, 40 NICOLE TER; HAROLD R. & LORI A. RATCHFORD, 68 NICOLE TER; GARY T. & KATHLEEN A. JALBERT, 78 NICOLE TER. and MICHAEL W. CURTIS, 16 TINA LANE.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulskis
Chairman
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Marie LaFrancis of Agawam and Robert David Wright of Milford, Massachusetts, exchanged wedding vows at a Nuptial Mass on Saturday, February 16th, at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. The Reverend James Scahill presided.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelsen LaFrancis of Agawam. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Austin Wright of Milford. A reception was held at Chez Joseph in Agawam.

Mrs. Martina Arvanitis of Chicopee served as matron of honor. Others in attendance included Miss Alisa LaFrancis, sister of the bride; Miss Anna Mercadante, and Miss Marsha Bessette. Edward Crivello of Hopedale, Massachusetts served as best man. Ushers included Walter LaFrancis, Paul Filosa, and Mr. George Arvanitis.

The bride wore a dress designed by Bianchi of Boston. The gown, fashioned of silken taffeta, was contemporary-victorian in style. Asymmetrically adorned in cut work with off-white stitching, the dress was complemented with matching gauntlets and a crown with hand-sewn seed pearls and matching lace.

The attendants wore a Bill Letkov design in teal-green silken taffeta. The dresses, with shawl shoulder wrap bodice and drop back, were the perfect accent to the formal affair.

The bride is a 1979 graduate of Agawam High School, a 1981 graduate of Becker Junior College in Worcester, with an associate degree in physical therapy. She is a 1984 graduate of Westfield State College, with a degree in biology. She is planning to attend graduate school in Rhode Island in the fall.

The groom is a 1976 graduate of Milford High School and a 1981 graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, with a bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering. He is a 1984 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, with a masters degree in Power/System Engineering.

The groom is presently employed by Naragansett Electric in Providence, Rhode Island, as an electrical engineer.

After a honeymoon in the Carribean Islands, the couple will make their home in Cranston, Rhode Island.

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Dance Held To Benefit Timmy Sunstrom



ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER was the scene for a Friday, February 8th dance, held for the benefit of Timmy Sunstrom, an Agawam youngster suffering from Leukemia. Pictured at the affair are, from left - Lorraine Ringuette, Agnes Kelly, Timmy, and Jane Roy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior Women's Club Plans Spring Fashion Show

A "Spring Fashion Show" has been announced by the Agawam Junior Women's Club for Sunday, March 24th, at 11:00 a.m.

The fashion show will follow a brunch in the Toga Room at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Fashions will be from Thimbles and also from Petite Sophisticates of the Ingleside Mall. Models will again be members of the Junior Women's Club.

In addition to the brunch, door prizes and many raffle prizes will be awarded.

The fashion show, which is an annual event for the Juniors, is one of their major fundraisers. Profits of this

event will go towards scholarships for 1985.

Tickets are available for \$10 and anyone wishing information or ticket reservations may contact chairwoman Betsy Sardella at 789-2005, or Marlene Harlin at 789-1443.

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News, Activities From Agawam Senior Center

The Valentine Gala

"A lovely party" was the Council on Aging's Valentine Gala at the Senior Center on Sunday, February 10th, arranged by Sandra Smith, activities director, and her hard-working committee. The Senior Center was attractively decorated with cupids and hearts, and each table setting included a Valentine motif candlestick made by Hobby Club members. A lucky person at each table got to take the centerpiece home.

From 11:00 a.m. to noon the punch and hors d'oeuvres tables were popular. Preceding the buffet lunch, Grace was offered by Kay Aldrich, chaplain of Golden Age Club Chapter I. The buffet by Ann's Catering Service was set up in the lobby with a great variety of delicious food.

Music For Everyone

The party was billed as "An Afternoon of Music" and there was indeed music for everyone, presented by a lot of people who sing because they love to sing. The talented "Cindy Singers," a group of ladies directed by Cindy Meyer of Somers, presented a nicely balanced repertoire of songs ranging from "Second Hand Rose" to "I Believe."

Next there were 15 male singers, all members of the Northern Connecticut S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. of Somers, under the leadership of assistant director Carlos Genovesi. Their Master of Ceremonies not only entertained with a few very funny jokes, he told us what "Barbershop" singing is all about. There are over 40,000 men in 800 SPEBSQSA chapters in this country. They share not only their love of singing, they have a motto: "We Sing That They Shall Speak."

All proceeds from their appearances go to support the Logopedics Hospital in Wichita, Kansas, which is dedicated to the study and correction of speech problems.

More music was presented by Barbara Hill of Agawam, who accompanied herself on piano and on guitar. Lovely to look at as well as very nice to listen to, she was most gracious in responding to all requests - she knew them all - even "Barney Google," and the audience enjoyed "singing along."

Raffle & Door Prize Winners

The raffle, which featured "Valerie Valentine," a doll dressed in Valentine costume,

was won by Grace Oliver. The macrame basket of flowers went to Hilda Wetzel; the African Violet to Louise Scherpa; and framed pictures to Marion Haubenreiser and Mary Raschilla. Door prizes were won by M. Ferraro, I. Durack, J. Clement, Ed Orgonek, Bob Bernier, H. Blanchard, P. Fuller, N. Brusseau, A. Torres, M. Della Pegorara, M. Simchak, G. Francazio, E. Johnson, F. Fagnani, P. Mercadante and A. Bassett.

Appreciation was given to the following committee members - Kay Aldrich, Rose Mezzetti, Helen Blanchard, Odette Benjamin, George and Germaine Fontaine, Peg Bellano, Marion Binnenkade, Gladys Francazio, Vicky and Artie Martin, and Estelle Clement.

Marion Binnenkade made a "surprise" announcement of the coming marriage on Valentine's Day of Sandra Smith to Aime Remillard and they were heartily applauded. Best wishes go out to the popular couple. "Sam," one of the barbershop singers, returned to sing a special love song for Sandra and Aime and all the other sweethearts present.

Bay Path Preview

A special preview for senior citizens, of the musical "Dames At Sea" is being presented by the Bay Path Players on Wednesday evening February 27th. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m., and folks are asked to be seated by 7:30 p.m. Make your reservation at the ticket booth in the Senior Center lobby, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. any day. Tickets are \$1 each and parking is ample at Bay Path Junior College in Longmeadow.

"The Wedding Party"

Bus space is rapidly being filled for the popular show, "The Wedding Party" on Thursday, April 25th, at the Gables in Lenox. Many persons who enjoyed this show last year are signing up to see it again this year. Don't miss it this time. Tickets are \$26.20, and menu choice is baked ham, chicken salad, or sole veronique. Pick-up at Country View is at 10:00 a.m., and at Senior Center, at 10:30 a.m. Deadline is April 1st.

"Recognition '85"

Thank you for the following new sponsors: **Dr. Michael Haynes**, 24 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills; **Smith Drugs**, 839 Suffield Street; **Edward's Drugs**, 287 Springfield Street, and **John E. Maslar, D.C.**, 100 Main Street.



KAREN A. DUGAN & JOHN F. MURPHY

Karen A. Dugan Engaged To Mr. Murphy of Wilbraham

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Duggan of Feeding Hills, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen A. Dugan, to John F. Murphy of Wilbraham.

Miss Duggan is a 1980 graduate of Agawam High School and attended Holyoke Community College. She is currently employed as store manager for Lerner Shops.

Mr. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Murphy of Wilbraham, is a 1979 graduate of Minnechaug High School and a 1984 graduate of Western New England College, with a B.S. in business management. He is presently employed by State Line Potato Chip Company, in management.

The couple has planned an April 1986 wedding.

27 Area Couples Renew Wedding Vows In West Side

Twenty-seven area couples renewed their wedding vows during the West Springfield Church of Christ's "Annual Sweethearts Dinner."

The theme for the evening was "Love Will Lift You Up." Along these lines the couples heard Gene Brewer of Manchester, Connecticut, speak on kindness in a relationship.

Following the dinner and talk by the guest speaker, the couples renewed their wedding vows under the direction of minister Paul Jackson.

The fifth annual event took place on Friday, February 15th, at the church building at 61 Upper Church Street, West Springfield.

All the hometown news!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, February 21st
Card Party
Rosary Altar Society
Sacred Heart Parish Center
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Monday, February 25th
"Buyer Beware" Program
Agawam Women's Club
Captain Charles Leonard House
Main Street
8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 1st -
Saturday, March 2nd
All-Night Vigil
Nocturnal Adoration Society
Begins 9:00 a.m. on March 1st
St. John's Church - Main Street

Sunday, March 3rd
Macaroni & Meatball Supper
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12:30 to 5:00 p.m.



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"Craftly Unique" Newest Specialty Shop In Agawam

by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Quality crafts at reasonable prices are offered at CRAFTLY UNIQUE. The store is owned and operated by Rosemarie Juliano and is located in Agawam Center, near Bank of New England West.

The interior of Agawam's newest craft shop is encircled with handcrafts from over 60 crafts people. The windows, ceiling, walls, and floors, are filled to the brim with interesting articles just waiting to be sold.

Articles On Consignment

Mrs. Juliano accepts articles on consignment from men and women from around town and surrounding communities, and the crafts are artistically displayed at her shop. Hanging from striped ceiling banners are mobiles that flutter, float, and spin.

The walls are covered with stained glass mirrors, old country love knots, wreaths and circles (using all types of materials), oil paintings on slate, and wooden plaques.

Front window displays show brightly colored stained glass novelties. Along the floor are adorable granny doorstops dressed in gingham or calico. Mother Goose, mallards, rabbits, and other creatures designed into accent pillows or doorstops, are all about.

From the moment customers walk through the door they are surrounded by the latest and various craft items. During an interview with Mrs. Juliano, she said, "Our prices are real good. We carry a good quality but we are inexpensive."

Everything but the silk flower arrangements are on consignment. Mrs. Juliano creates the floral designs herself. Colorful silk flowers fill mugs as well as clever little baskets that she finds in various places. All of her silk flower arrangements are priced low.

The shop opened this past October with artists from Agawam, Springfield, and Connecticut displaying their wares. During Christmas, the shop did well with its Christmas stock and hundreds of Christmas tree ornaments were sold.

For Valentine's Day, local resident Dianne Erskine of Beekman Condominiums purchased four lovely gift items and was back the following day browsing for St. Patrick's Day. Mrs. Erskine said the shop is "reasonable and nice" and for Valentine's Day she purchased a hand-painted slate, a wooden horse wall plaque, a soft-sculptured Valentine doll and an old-fashioned Valentine heart-shaped puff.

Mrs. Erskine said that she also shops here for Cabbage Patch Kid clothes. Both sizes are available and are neatly displayed on revolving racks.

Wedding Invitations

Brides-to-be will find hundreds of wedding invitation samples here to choose from. Mrs. Juliano is a bridal consultant and offers assistance on wording and style. She also offers a 10% discount on wedding invitations.

Along with other social announcements, bridal tiaras of baby's breath and silk flowers designed by her can be ordered. The shop also offers a copy machine service.

Practical Crafts

Mixed in with the fanciful, many practical crafts people also show their crafts here. There are hand-made quilts, with a queen size priced at \$70, and many hand-crocheted afghans at \$35 each. There are warm slip-



CRAFTLY UNIQUE owner and operator Rosemarie Juliano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

pers, woolen caps, sweaters for children, vests, draft stoppers filled with sand, and tote bags.

For Mother's Day in May, the store has fancy kitchen towels, sachet candles, chair pads, kitchen gadgets and placemats with matching napkins.

For the nursery, many clown items made into diaper bags, mobiles, and dolls are featured. There are also rainbow and balloon crafts to brighten up the baby's room. New items arrive daily and now is the time to start shopping for spring and Easter.

There are grapevine wall hangings with silk flowers and pretty bows and large sunbonnet hats for the front door. Several Easter items include, needlepoint Easter baskets and decorative sugar eggs.

Agawam Resident

Mrs. Juliano is a 30-year resident of Agawam and a graduate of Agawam High School. She is married to John Juliano Sr., and they live on Meadow Street with daughters Joann, who is a hair stylist, and Carol, a Cathedral High School student. Their son, John Jr., is married, and another daughter, Judy Gonyea, is also married and helps out at the store.

Mrs. Juliano was a volunteer at Storowton Village's gift shop for many years. She is the daughter of Jennie and Cosimo Baggetta.

Fire-Wise

by Rusty Jenks - Acting Fire Chief

Grease Fires? Put A Lid On Them

Unless you happen to be a welder, cooking is probably the life activity that brings you closest to intense sources of heat - and the fire dangers they represent. So it's only smart to be a little extra fire-wise in the kitchen. Here's how.

If you're cooking, dress for the job. A tall white chef's hat isn't necessary - but a top with tight, non-sense sleeves is a must. Balloon sleeves and frills can come too close to a hot burner or pan and ignite. If you're cooking foods that spatter, a good apron may protect you from burns while it keeps clothes clean, too.

Be prepared for kitchen fires. Hot grease can burn - and the line between hot enough to fry and hot enough to burn can be a thin one. So always keep an eye on that frying pan. If the phone rings, take the pan off the burner to answer the call.

If hot grease does ignite, fast action can avert disaster. First of all, **don't** try to carry the burning pan outside. You may trip or drop the pan, spilling flaming liquid on yourself; or the flaming pan in your hand may ignite curtains, upholstery or woodwork as you rush through the house with it. So leave that burning pan on the stove!

Don't put water on the grease fire. This will just splatter the grease and make a bigger fire.

It's simple to extinguish a pan fire. Just take the lid, or a larger pan, and slide it firmly over the pan. This shuts off the fire's air supply, smothering it effectively.

You can also extinguish pan fires with an approved fire extinguisher. Be sure your extinguisher is marked with a letter B; this means it is intended for use against flammable liquid fires such as grease fires. Operate the extinguisher according to its instructions. When using the fire extinguisher on a grease fire stay 4-6 feet from the fire to avoid splattering the burning grease.

Locate the extinguisher near a doorway. This way, if the fire gets out of control, you can escape. **Never** store an extinguisher in the cabinets above the stove - you'd have to reach through a fire to get the extinguisher. Whenever you have a fire, call your fire department and get everyone out of the house. Then if you are unable to put out the fire, help is on the way.

It's fire-wise to know how to deal with kitchen fires. But remember - only care in cooking can keep them from happening in the first place!

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Agawam Obituaries

Louis Torlaschi

Agawam: Louis "Blackie" Torlaschi, 56, of 31 High Street, retired bartender, died Thursday, February 14th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit, after a long illness. Born in West Springfield, he lived in Agawam 25 years and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. He was a former member of West Springfield-Agawam Elks and Victor Emmanuel Club. He leaves his wife, the former Jean Tanbor; three sons, Louis P. Torlaschi and Paul Ciborowski, both of Agawam; and Joseph A. Ciborowski of Southwick; three daughters, Diana Weagle and Sandra Ciborowski, both of Agawam, and Louise Lawrence of West Springfield; his mother, Angela (Torlaschi) Torlaschi, and four grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday morning at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Western Massachusetts Lung Association.

Armand O. Champigny

Agawam: Armand O. Champigny, 79, of Cherry Street, Feeding Hills, retired 20-year driver for Dusty's Taxi Service, Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Unit. Born in Canada, he lived in Feeding Hills 60 years and was an Army veteran of World War II. He leaves two sons, Leodore A. of Feeding Hills, and Daniel A. of Agawam; a daughter, Hennesetta M. Hardick of Feeding Hills; brother, Gerard of Southwick; two sisters, Rita Dowd of Feeding Hills and Clare Buckley of Southwick; and eight grandchildren. The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Ruth Shaylor

Agawam: Ruth B. (Reed) Shaylor, 89, of Central Street, died recently in Holyoke Hospital.

Born in Agawam, she was a direct descendant of Thomas Cooper, the founder of Agawam.

She was a member of Agawam Congregational Church, a charter member of the Agawam Women's Club, and the Clara Graves Cadets.

Her husband, William Shaylor, died in 1969.

She leaves two daughters, Grace S. Tubbs of Holyoke and Catherine Shaylor of Bristol, Connecticut; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, Springfield, was in charge. Donations may be made to the church.

Pasquale C. Esposito

Agawam: Pasquale C. "Pat" Esposito, 54, of 133 Regency Park, 26-year meat-cutter for Stop & Shop Supermarkets, Liberty Street, Springfield, died Wednesday, February 13th, at home after an apparent heart attack. Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam five years. He was a Navy veteran, member of Springfield Lodge of Elks, No. 61 and Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union. He leaves three sons, Lawrence A. of Springfield, Roy J. and Walter J., both of East Longmeadow; a brother, Antonio of Hampden; four sisters, Rose Frangiamore and C. Mildred Colapietro, both of East Longmeadow, Josephine Buttacavoli of Enfield, Mary Hogan of Springfield; and five grandchildren. The funeral was Tuesday morning at Cierpial Memorial Home, East Street, Chicopee and in St. Michael's Church, East Longmeadow, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Donations may be made to the Elks Foundation.

Katherine A. Mercadante

Agawam: Katherine A. (Rosso) Mercadante, 72, of 544 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, retired 16-year examiner for Buxton Company, died Wednesday, February 13th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. She retired in 1983. Born in Springfield, she lived in Feeding Hills most of her life and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the St. Anthony Society. Her husband, Vicent J. Mercadante, died in 1962. She leaves a son, Louis of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Joyce Coughlin of Feeding Hills, and Dona Mercadante, with whom she lived; two brothers, John and Thomas Rosso, both of Agawam; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Mary T. Shea

Feeding Hills: Mary T. (O'Brien) Shea, 95, of 722 South West Street, Feeding Hills section of Agawam, died recently at Riverdale Nursing Home in West Springfield. She was born and lived most of her life in Feeding Hills. She was the wife of the late Patrick T. Shea, who died in 1961. She leaves a daughter, Rita Culverhouse, of Feeding Hills, and two grandchildren. The funeral was Monday at the Agawam Funeral Home, with a liturgy of Christian burial in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Elizabeth T. Norman

Agawam: Elizabeth T. (Sarkis) Norman, 73, of 116B Main Street, retired 18-year sales clerk at Albert Steiger Company, Springfield, died Sunday, February 17th in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, she lived in Agawam 55 years, and was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church, Springfield. Her husband, Joseph P. Norman Sr., died in 1962. She leaves a brother, Paul Sarkis of Mobile, Alabama; three sisters, Vera Salomey and Mary Orr,

both of Greenville, South Carolina, and Alice Shibley of Westfield; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both Springfield.

Sara M. Mickey

Agawam: Sara M. (Latshaw) Mickey, 78, of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, retired 15-year supply-room clerk at the Springfield Hospital, died recently in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Murrysville, Pennsylvania, she lived in Feeding Hills 12 years and retired in 1972. She was a member of the Agawam Methodist Church and its Rachel Williams Circle. She leaves three sons, Paul E. of Wayne, Pennsylvania, Percy A. of Feeding Hills, and Clarence T. of Middlesex, New Jersey; a daughter, Sara L. Pursley of Chula Vista, California; a brother, Glen C. of New Alexandria, Pennsylvania; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday morning in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, was in charge. Donations may be made to the church.

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No doubt, all of us have heard of the devastating famine in northern Africa, a human tragedy of unprecedented proportions. Compassionate and sensitive people will want to respond in some way.

For active Christians, the best way to send aid would be through the auspices of your local church, which, no doubt, has established channels for transmitting funds to the needy.

Barring this, there are interdenominational agencies such as Africare, Oxfam, Grassroots International, World Vision, The Red Cross, Care, and others, which have a proven track record of getting assistance to the needy. Be sure to designate your check with "Africa Appeal" or "Ethiopia Appeal," or the like.

2. How Will My Money Get To The Needy In Africa?

This is an important question to ask of the agencies through whom you are sending support to Africa. Consider issues of accountability - is there a board of directors which is constantly monitoring the distribution of funds in an effective manner?

Does the agency have established channels and contacts in Africa itself? Is there a means for the agency to receive first-hand reports as to the effectiveness of the relief efforts? Send money only to those agencies which can furnish you with information of this type.

3. How Much Of The Money I Give Goes To Feed The Needy?

If you give through a reputable agency, such as those listed above, almost every dollar you send will go for relief programs. There are, of course, some necessary costs in having people in the field to help distribute the food, and some administrative costs on the home front to process your donation.

These costs, however, should be minimal, (no more than 10%). Beware of those organizations which spend a great deal of time and effort promoting their work...the dollars they spend here mean that less of your money will actually reach the needy.

4. How Much Money Has Been Sent To Africa Thus Far?

Through government donations and private contributions, literally millions of dollars have been sent for African relief and rehabilitation. Although this seems like a great deal of money, every bit has been needed, and much more will be required in the future. Your gift, as it flows in with others, should cause the figures to grow rapidly.

5. How Can We Prevent This Disaster From Happening Again?

Experts indicate that over the next two to five years, contributions of foodstuffs will continue to be needed, at about the same level of contribution as is presently occurring.

Simultaneous to feeding the hungry, Africa needs to concentrate resources on agricultural development. In your contributions, you can help by supporting relief agencies which will provide sustained assistance oriented toward the production of food crops.

You may also wish to contact the President, your Senators, and your Representative to Congress to affirm and encourage generous U.S. Government aid policies in Africa, and to express your concern about the current situation.

6. Is There Anything Else I Can Do?

You may wish to read and reflect upon the response of the early church to famine in Judea as recounted in Acts 11:27-30, or the passage about the Last Judgment in Matthew 25:31-46, "Lord when did we see you hungry...?"

And, most important, you can pray.

"Loving God, whose hand is open to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Break down the barriers of ignorance, indifference, and greed, we pray, that the multitudes that hunger may share your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN."

Agawam Women's Club Sponsors Consumer Program

"Buyer Beware" is the topic of the program to be presented by Connie Bettis at the meeting of the Agawam Women's Club on Monday evening, February 25th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Mrs. Bettis is consumer economics educator for the Extension Service in Hampden and Hampshire counties.

Past presidents of the Agawam Women's Club and presidents of clubs in the 14th district of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs will be special guests.

Serving on the hospitality committee for the evening are Esther Reynolds, Shirley Goss, Jessie McMahon, Alice Orr, and Jean Vail.

The meeting is open to the public.

"Alzheimer's Disease" Topic Of Hospital Program

"Alzheimer's Disease," which causes premature aging and senility in so many, will be the topic of the second Providence Hospital Auxiliary sponsored Community Health Lecture on Thursday, March 7th, in the hospital conference room beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The first lecture of the five-year series was held last November and dealt with "Drugs in the Community."

The March lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be given by Mohammed A. Hazratji, M.D., a member of the hospital staff.

Dr. Hazratji, a neurologist, maintains an office at 10 Hospital Drive in Holyoke and has been on the Providence staff since January 1981. A native of India, he received medical training in that country before studying at Metropolitan Hospital in New York City and at University Hospital, Syracuse, New York.

Eileen Driscoll, chairwoman for the auxiliary for the lecture series, said, "We realize that this is a very topical subject and we hope we will get good community response to this lecture because of the wide spread effects this disease has on us and our families."

Anyone with questions on the series may contact Deborah S. Aseltine, director of volunteers at the hospital, or Michael J. Burke, director of community relations. The main number is 536-5111, and Mrs. Aseltine's extension is 2263, and Mr. Burke's is extension 2264.

Laughing Brook Sponsors Eagle Trip To Quabbin

"Home Free - Eagles At Quabbin" will be an all-day trip for families to Quabbin sponsored by Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, on Saturday, February 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Space is limited, and reservations are required by Wednesday, February 20th.

Massachusetts Audubon has been instrumental in efforts to reintroduce the bald eagle as a nesting resident in Massachusetts. The recently released film *Home Free*, documents the exciting steps that led up to the raising and release of four immature fledgling eagles at Quabbin with hope that they will return there to breed.

Participants will watch the film before leaving on the all-day trip to Quabbin for an update on the project and to view the wintering bald and possible golden eagles. Other sites within the "Accidental Wilderness" will be visited. Bring lunch, binoculars, and dress warmly! Carpool from Laughing Brook.

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UNICO NATIONAL PRESIDENT Anthony Gaglioti (center) with Agawam UNICO president Bruno Maule (left) and Agawam chapter chaplain, Anthony Piazzzi, C.S.S. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

UNICO National President Attends Local Function

Unico Mass District I Governor, Raymond Caputo, hosted the honored occasion of "Meet the President Night."

The attendance of 100 Unicans were proud and honored to speak and shake hands with national president Anthony Gaglioti at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield.

The president was equally pleased to meet Unicans from Massachusetts and Connecticut, including four districts with 27 chapters.

Holding the highest position in Unico National, all Unicans were amazed with his warmth and poise when introduced to Unicans.

The evening's activities commenced when Master of Ceremonies, Leonard J. DelGallo, Connecticut District II governor, had Rev. Anthony Piazzzi, C.S.S. Agawam Chapter Chaplain, read the Unico prayer.

President Gaglioti received a standing ovation when introduced. His speech was based on two letters, "P.R.," public relations. He strongly emphasized good communications between Unico and the community.

Order Of Eastern Star Schedules Whist Card Party

The West Springfield Chapter No. 144, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a military whist card party (or game of your choice) on Wednesday, February 27th, at the Masonic Temple, 732 Elm Street, West Springfield, starting at 8:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes given out and refreshments will be served.

Tickets, priced at \$1.25, may be purchased at the door or reservations may be made with any member of the Order.

Further information may be obtained from Florence Bozenhard, 568-8456, or Mrs. Patricia Young, 788-9034, co-chairwomen.

Honorary chairwoman is the Worthy Matron, Edith Osborne. Chairwoman of the door prizes is Clara McLean.

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Ames Dept. Store Opens In Southgate Plaza

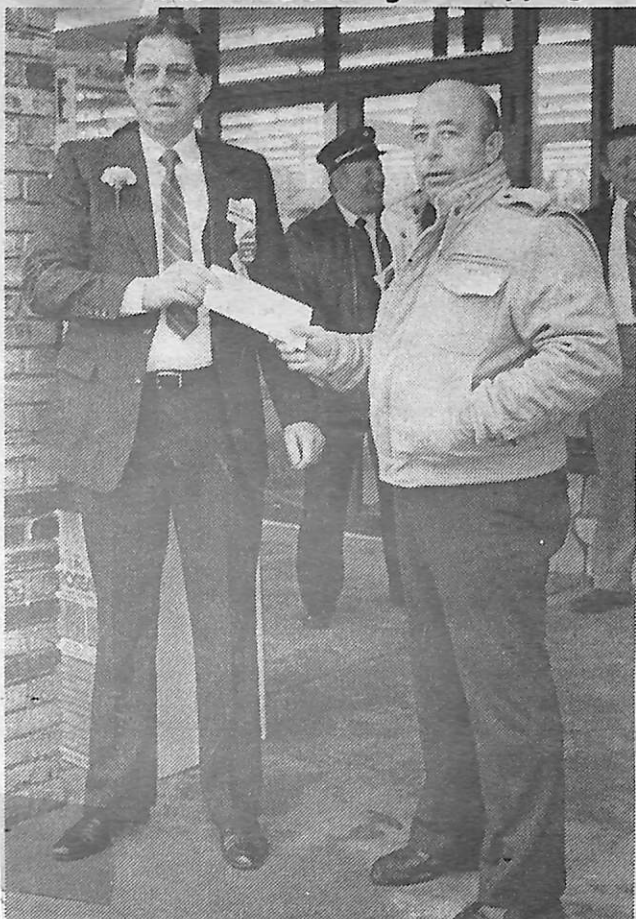


AMES DEPARTMENT STORE MANAGER George Brennon (center) cuts the ribbon to open the new Ames in the Southgate Shopping Plaza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

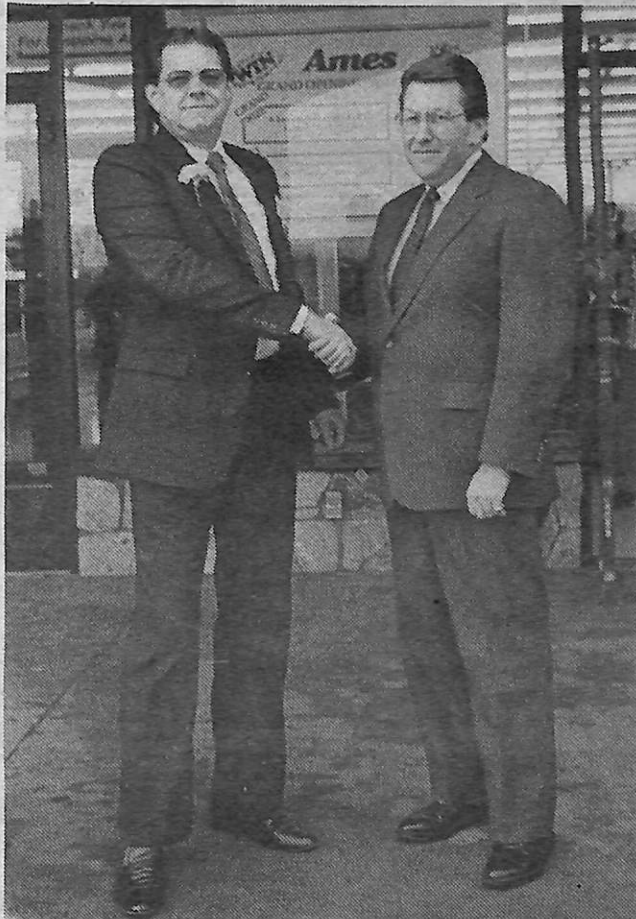
Huge Turnout For Morning Ceremony

The much-anticipated opening of Ames Department Store in the Southgate Shopping Plaza took place on Wednesday, February 13th, with a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by Ames Dept. Store and town officials.

Neighboring merchants in the Southgate Shopping Plaza also lined-up to welcome their new neighbor. The store is projected to greatly increase the traffic volume in the Southgate Shopping Plaza, a benefit to all the merchants.



AMES MANAGER GEORGE BRENNON donates a check to Jack Kunasek, Park & Rec director, for Camp Rainbow, the town's special needs summer camp. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE official Richard Aldrich welcomes Ames Manager George Brennon to the local business community. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT Neil Bishop receives a batch of tickets for league members to a Springfield Indians hockey game, from George Brennon, Ames Manager. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DIANE GODEK, president of the Agawam High School Gridiron Moms, receives a signed football by the members of the New England Patriots, from George Brennon, Agawam Ames manager. Looking on is John Morrissey, Agawam High principal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM FIRE CHIEF Rusty Jenks (center) and Deputy Fire Chief Doug Kerr receives a check for the rescue squad from Agawam Ames Manager George Brennon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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GEARING UP FOR THE UPCOMING UNICO Macaroni & Meatball Supper on Sunday, March 3rd, are, from left - co-chairmen Frank Chriscola and Charlie Calabrese, and club president Bruno Maule. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

UNICO To Again Hold Annual Macaroni Supper

Agawam Unico will hold its 23rd Annual Macaroni and Meatball Supper on Sunday, March 3rd, at Agawam High School, with continuous servings from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are adults, \$3.50; and children, \$2. Tickets may be bought from members, or at Gino's Package, Mutti's Service Station, The Court House Health Club, Chriscola's Farm Equipment, and Malone's Farm and Garden Center. Walk-ins are welcomed.

There are many posters around town about the event and UNICO thanks the town businesses for allowing them to be hung in their respective establishments.

Take-out orders will be accepted and containers will be furnished.

Unican wives will have a bake sale of cakes, pies, muffins, cupcakes, cookies, etc.

Proceeds will benefit Mental Health, retarded children, Special Education, scholarships, and many community charities.

Trinity Methodist Church To Serve Lenten Lunches

Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, will serve lunches to the public each Friday during Lent beginning February 22nd.

Sponsored by the Mission Work Area Committee of Trinity Church, the lunches will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., in Ashbury Hall. The menu will include homemade soup, meatless sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, homemade pies and beverages. A minimal fee will be charged.

The lunches will be prepared and served in a fashion that will allow working people to eat and return to work during their lunch hour. Take-out orders will be available.

The chapel will be open for quiet meditation with suggested devotional materials available.

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Mended Hearts Group To Meet March 6th

On Wednesday, March 6th, the Mended Hearts, Chapter 37 of Greater Springfield will hold their meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Anyone interested in pre or post cardiac surgery is

welcome to attend. Events for the evening will include "Make Your Own Grinder Night." This meeting will require a donation of \$2.50.

Refreshments will be served.



**MIKKI'S
KITCHEN**

By Michele Blair Pisano

Chicken With Walnuts

Recently I had a week's vacation. Because of this I had a little more time in the kitchen to experiment with new recipes.

The following recipe is taken from Better Homes & Gardens Dieter's Cookbook. I can't say enough good things about **Chicken With Walnuts**. I will mention that although this dish went together quickly, next time I will buy boneless chicken.

Chicken With Walnuts

1½ pounds whole chicken breasts, skinned, split and boned
 3 tbl. soy sauce
 2 tsp. corn starch
 2 tbl. dry sherry
 1 tsp. sugar
 1 tsp. grated ginger
 ½ tsp. salt
 ½ tsp. crushed red pepper
 2 tbl. cooking oil
 2 med. green peppers, cut in ¾" pieces
 4 scallions, bias sliced 1" long
 ½ cup walnut halves

Cut chicken into 1" pieces and set aside. In small bowl, blend soy sauce into corn starch, stir in sherry, sugar, ginger, salt and red peppers.

Preheat wok or large skillet over high heat and add cooking oil. Stir fry green peppers and scallions in hot oil 2 minutes. Remove. Add walnuts to wok, stir fry 1 to 2 minutes or till golden. If necessary, add more oil at this point. Add half chicken to wok and stir fry 2 minutes. Remove and add remainder of chicken for 2 minutes. Return all chicken to wok and stir in soy mixture. Cook till bubbly. Stir in vegetables and walnuts, cover and cook 1 minute.

Makes 6 servings, 224 calories.

Do your dogs eat dry food? Do you live in New England all winter? Are you tired of getting stuck in the snow or need more traction?

If "yes" is the answer to all of the above questions, you might try what my mother, Gail Blair, has been doing for several winters. Buy two 50-pound bags of dry dog food and keep them in your trunk. Of course you'll want a third bag in the house for your pet. Anyway, doing this you'll not run out of dog food or get stuck in snow.

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Forastiere, Local Clergy Attend Grief Seminar

Funeral director Peter A. Forastiere of Colonial Funeral Home, located at 985 Main Street, Agawam, took part in a "Special Grief Circumstances" seminar for clergy and funeral service professionals.

The seminar was presented by the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association at the Sheraton-Tara Hotel in Braintree. Forastiere hosted a group of clergy from Feeding Hills, Southwick and Westfield, who were the firm's guests at the all-day workshop.

Those attending with Forastiere were: Rev. Leonard Cowan of St. David's Episcopal Church, Feeding Hills; the Rev. Joseph S. L. Aschenbach, of Christ Church United Methodist, Southwick; Rev. Thomas Potter of First Congregational Church, Westfield; Rev. Michael Gruel of St. John's Lutheran Church, Westfield; Rev. Thomas Lindeman of First United Methodist Church, Westfield; and Rev. Francis Reilly of St. Mary's Church, Westfield.

Featured speaker for the seminar was Dr. J. William Worden, a professor of psychology at Harvard Medical School and research director of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Worden is a leading authority on death and grief and spoke on the role of the clergy and funeral director when serving families who have suffered a loss due to suicide, child death, sudden death, miscarriage, etc. The all-day program concluded with a question and answer discussion period.

Brochures and other literature are available at the Colonial Funeral Home on a variety of subjects relative to death and grief as well as other audio-visuals available for group discussion.

Many Area Teams Joining Volleyball For Easter Seals

Numerous teams have joined together to battle disabilities by registering for the Hampden County Century 21 Easter Seal Volleyball Marathon. The marathon is locally sponsored by WHYN Radio 56 and will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Wilbraham Tennis club.

Proceeds will benefit programs and services offered by the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society to disabled children and adults in Hampden County.

Participating teams will play volleyball and compete for prizes by raising money prior to the event. Prizes provided by Century 21 include: trophies, t-shirts, travel mugs, marathon caps and gym bags. Other prizes include a VCR, a 35 mm camera, and a vacation trip for two.

Local teams preparing for the game include: Agawam Buxton's, managed by Bill Killela.

In addition, top fundraising teams will appear on the Easter Seal Telethon which will be broadcast over WWLP-TV 22 on March 30th and 31st.

Anyone interested in organizing a team should call Easter Seals at 734-6434 or 1-800-922-8290 - 24 hours a day. Teams consist of 6-12 players and can be all male, female, or coed. Prior volleyball experience is not required. Starting times are going fast, so call now to register your team.

The Massachusetts Easter Seal Society provides services to more than 10,000 children and adults with disabilities. Easter Seal services include: rehabilitation therapy, therapeutic recreation and stroke clubs. In addition, Easter Seal Home Care provides nursing, therapy and home health aide services to ill and disabled people in their homes.

Riverside Park Offers Companies Rate Discounts

Riverside Park not only attracts hundreds of thousands of park guests in all of New England, but also attracts over 800 companies and organizations throughout the area as well.

Because of the growing interest from companies throughout the northeast, Riverside Park's group sales department has designed a discount program in which each company member will receive a discount on the total ticket price.

Riverside Park will provide all the materials, including company discount tickets, promotional posters, newsletters, fillers, and flyers. The company must simply promote the program.

There are numerous advantages to the "Corporate Discount Program." Company members are not required to visit Riverside as a group. The discount ticket also enables every company member to take advantage of all the rides, shows, and attractions all day at a discounted price.

Riverside Park, New England's largest amusement park, is certainly worth the trip!

When townsfolk want local news, they turn our pages each week!



ATTENDING THE GRIEF SEMINAR recently with Peter Forastiere, director of Colonial Funeral Chapel, were, from left - Rev. Joseph S. L. Aschenbach, Christ Church United Methodist, Southwick; Forastiere, Rev. Thomas Potter, First Congregational, Westfield; Rev. Leonard Cowan, St. David's Episcopal Church, Feeding Hills; Rev. Michael Gruel, St. John's Lutheran Church, Westfield; and Rev. Francis Reilly, St. Mary's Church, Westfield. Rev. Thomas Lindeman of First United Methodist Church, Westfield, was missing when photo was taken. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Decline And Fall Of Agriculture In Agawam Part I

To some the title of this article may seem a trespass upon the voluminous works of Edward Gibbon on the *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, published more than 150 years ago.

Yet, the title seems synonymous with the eventual decline of agriculture in the community of Agawam and the village of Feeding Hills. As the barbarians slowly and gradually infiltrated the glory of the Roman Empire, so did urbanization encroach upon the historical past of Agawam's beginning!

The passing of the great empire at the hands of an apathetic society destined to the destructive element of a barbaric and ignorant force, does indeed symbolize the gradual decline of farming within the realm of our own township, as well as neighboring communities.

Ultimately, the result of which is the limitation of food for those of us who must rely upon the welfare of the local farmer who provides us with the necessary means of survival.

Careless Land Speculation

With the continual encroachment of "in-migrants," those valley towns that were once primarily agricultural, are now threatened by careless consideration of land speculation (at the expense of home-lots for those who would seek the solitude of the country in order to escape the complexities of urban life).

As a result, the farm lands that once furnished our area with fresh produce and food supplies have become victimized by what some would call modern progress! Although Massachusetts was not to become an agricultural state, it did provide sufficient fertile land to accommodate the necessary foods and dairy products to meet the needs of the population.

Unfortunately, recent time has changed the picture so drastically that local residents have every right to fear the future in terms of food supply.

Alfred Copeland's *History of Hampden County, Massachusetts*, 1902, stated: "Agriculture has ever been the principal industry of Agawam. The soil is fertile, especially in the extensive meadows bordering the Connecticut River, and yields generously the grains, vegetables and fruits adapted to the climate. Dairying is also pursued quite extensively, the various farm products finding ready sale in Springfield markets."

Indeed, the very name of Feeding Hills is derived from the use of this site for cattle grazing as early as the year 1638. Therefore, it should not be surprising that the first cattle drive in the United States originated in 1654 when John Pynchon, son of William Pynchon, founder of Springfield, drove the first cattle in a drive to Boston!

This being the case, it is a matter of record that Agawam and Feeding Hills were primarily agricultural communities. Even in the history by Clifton Johnson, *Hampden County, 1636-1936*, Vol. II, 1936, it is stated that, "Agawam, up to a few years ago, was an agricultural community, but more recently it has become more of a residential district."

Even the most recent publications concerning Agawam's present-future development refer to our town and Feeding Hills as an agricultural region. In the *Agawam Farmer Survey Report of April 1st, 1979*, Thomas W. Cooney hits the nail on the head when he states: "The changes that occurred between 1902 and 1936 were only a hint of what was to come. The emergence of the suburban lifestyle and the flight of the middle classes from Springfield during the mid-20th century irrevocably changed both the landscape appearance and the economic character of Agawam. Agawam was no longer solely a farm community."

Agawam Is Not Alone In This Dilemma

But Agawam is not alone in this dilemma! If we are losing more and more of our farmland, open space and wetlands, then the same is true for the surrounding communities within the Connecticut Valley.

Again, in reference to the 1979 Farm Survey, it was emphasized that "the most important reason for saving farmland...was for future food production insurance, followed by the need for open space and for preserving community history."

Of course, there are those who will argue that we should not live in the past at the expense of progress! Yet, what good is the progress should we relinquish the very means of subsistence for that society of the future that might have overextended itself beyond the scope of rational co-existence with Nature?

If we must make way for the pleasures of man, then we must be certain that man has a sufficient supply of food and nourishment for body and soul, otherwise, society will most certainly prove the basis for its self-

ruination!

Whoever coined the phrase, "Haste Makes Waste," most assuredly knew that of which he spoke. With man's entrance into the 20th Century, he seems to have become overwhelmed with the thought of his own self-importance; to the extent that he has since traveled by leaps and bounds, to the point of his very extermination from this planet.

Man has forgotten that he is but a grain of sand on the beach of life. With the onslaught of this century we have experienced two world wars (advanced by the progress of modern warfare), world starvation (in the midst of plenty), degradation of the human spirit, and



we now find ourselves on the very brink of total extinction, thanks to man's ability to harness nature's hidden secrets for the personal exploitation of Man!

Farmer's Part Is To Create

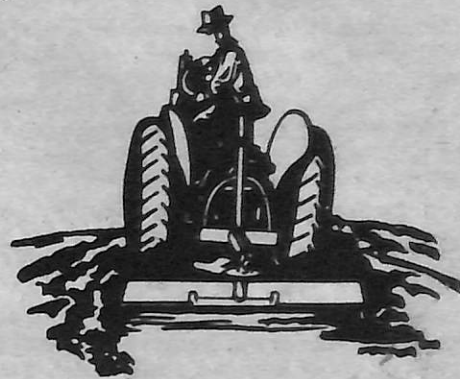
In exemplifying the cause of agriculture in Agawam, perhaps no finer words of tribute may be found than in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson's opening paragraph on his essay, *Farming*:

"The glory of the farmer is that, in the division of labors, it is his part to create. All trade rests at last on his primitive activity. He stands close to nature; he ob-

tains from the earth the bread and the meat. The food which was not, he causes to be. The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of the land.

"Men do not like hard work, but every man has an exceptional respect for tillage, and a feeling that this is the original calling of his race, that he himself is only excused from it by some circumstance which made him delegate it for a time to other hands.

"If he have not some skill which recommends him to the farmer, some product for which the farmer will give him corn, he must himself return into his due place among the planters. And the profession has in all eyes its ancient charm, as standing nearest to God, the first cause."



Again in reference to the Farm Survey, "Many residents of New England believe that what is not grown in their own town can and will always be supplied by farmers of the west and midwest farmbelt.

"Too little thought is given to the ever-increasing regional and world competition for farmbelt produce, and to the rapidly increasing energy and related transportation costs of imported foodstuffs."

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To this message might be added that recently, there has been an increasing rise of concern for the chemical additives added to imported food products that offer deceptive coloration and freshness to those products that might be bought in the local supermarkets.

Apparently, there is now some concern as to the possible danger that such chemicals might also prove hazardous to one's health! What do they say? "Don't judge a book by its cover!"?

Decreasing Number Of New Farmers

Nor should we lightly dismiss the probability that sometime in the near...or distant future, those states considered within our farmbelt region will grow only enough food supply to compensate their personal populace, since even now these valued fertile lands are being subjected to commercial and industrial growth, (along with encroachment of the cities toward the outlying rural areas).

And then again, there is rising concern for the decreasing numbers of young people who find little if any comfort or necessary government assistance to get started in farming.

These are but a few of the surface arguments that should make every citizen realize an absolute concern for what promises to be an increasing disregard for the preservation of the land that will, in the future, prove necessary to the well-being of present and future generations living within the confines of the Connecticut Valley, let alone that of our nation!

Riverside Park Announces 1985 Job Openings

Wouldn't you like a summer job filled with fun and excitement? Riverside Park is now accepting job applications to fill a variety of seasonal positions for the 1985 operating season.

Exciting positions, ranging from operating the famous "Cyclone" rollercoaster to learning how to make French croissants, are available for anyone 16 years or older, along with proof of identification. No experience is necessary.

Other available positions include games, merchandising, security, parking attendants, cashiers/admissions and groundskeeping. It is a great way to take advantage of meeting new acquaintances while working at New England's largest amusement park.

Riverside Park will open April 6th for weekends, until Memorial Day, at which time the park will begin operating full-time, until Labor Day.

Applications will be accepted at the Riverside Park Personnel office, Monday through Friday, between 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Suffield Woman's Club Sets Annual Arts & Crafts Show

Suffield: The Suffield Woman's Club will present its annual Arts and Crafts Show and meeting, at the First Church of Christ, Congregational Church Hall on Tuesday, March 12th, at 11:00 a.m.

Members and guests are invited to view the arts and crafts from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be served at noon. Following the business meeting, Ivan MacDonald, lecturer, photographer, and world traveler, will present a program on "Americans in Paris."

Members are requested to bring their articles for exhibit to the church hall between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, on Monday, March 11th.

Co-chairwomen are Doris Lozier and Ardella Lucas. For more information call 668-0135.

Committee emembers are, Aphie Reidy, Vicki Markowski, Peggy Supple, Peg Wessendorf, Fran Scully, Helen Salzman, Kay Harris, Eleanor Sutton, Emily Formanek, and June Schlofner.

Widows & Widowers Group To Hear Program On Crime

Suffield: The Widow and Widowers' Group, sponsored by the Second Baptist Church in Suffield, will meet on Thursday, February 21st, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be "Crime Prevention and Personal Property Identification Program." Guest speaker will be David Pelkey.

The group is open to residents of Suffield and surrounding communities, regardless of religious affiliation. The group meets the first and third Thursday of each month and offers self-help, guest speakers and social activities. New members are welcome. Parking is available to the rear of the church.

For more information call the church office, 668-2741.

For coverage of a school event, please first check with school principal, then give us a call at 786-7747 or 786-8137. Ask for Alexis



ROBIN E. VOGEL

Robin E. Vogel To Wed Greg Krol of Springfield

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vogel, 119 North Street, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter Robin Elizabeth, to Greg Krol. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Krol, 80 Jean Drive, Springfield.

Robin is a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School. She is presently attending Bauder College, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Greg is a graduate of Technical High School, Springfield and C.P.I. (Computer Programming Institute), Hartford, Connecticut. He is employed as a computer programmer at Contini Insurance Company in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

An August 3rd, 1985 wedding is planned.

Townfolk turn our pages for the best local news each week!

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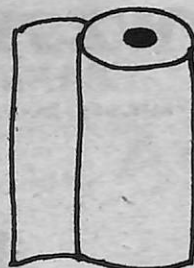
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VALENTINE'S DANCE chairwoman Betsy Sardella (right) takes tickets at the door of the Polish Club for the Agawam Junior Women's Club on Saturday, February 16th. At left is Mrs. Sardella's guest, Donna Dorazio of West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Debbie Sambrook Excels At Westfield State College

Deborah Sambrook of 99 Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills, will be swimming for Westfield State College at the New England Inter-Collegiate competition at Southwestern Massachusetts University (SMU) this week.

Miss Sambrook is a sophomore at WSC where she is a second-year member of the college's swim team. She is one of a five-member team that will be attending the New Englands this week. Her coach at WSC is Dave Laing and he is also the founder of the college's varsity swim team.



Miss Sambrook's mom, Barbara Sambrook, said that her daughter began swimming when she was two years old. While in grade school, she swam with the Agawam Athletic Association Piranhas and swam away with many trophies and ribbons during her twelve seasons.

Although she gave up swimming for three years to devote her time to cheerleading at Agawam High School, she began swimming again as a freshman at Westfield State. She is a second year member of the college's swim team and holds the WSC record in the 50, 100, and 200 yard breast stroke and the 100-yard individual medley.

In addition, she is on record-holding relay teams for the 200 and 400 yard medley and the 400 and 800 yard freestyle.

Miss Sambrook is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She was also a junior varsity cheerleader in her sophomore year and a varsity cheerleader during her junior and senior years.

She is a psychology major in early childhood development at WSC.



ATTENDING THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 16th, at the Polish Club are, from left - John & Faith Hyland; Verna & Frank Urbanski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Schools

Collins, Mrs. Aspden Celebrate 25 Years Of Agawam Teaching

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Celebration of this prestigious event is usually marked by the presence of silver, a metal noted for its quality and durability.

Thomas Collins and Harriet Aspden, two teachers who are currently celebrating their silver anniversary in the Agawam School System, have continually displayed the two above characteristics during their careers.

For the past 25 years, both teachers have dedicated themselves to providing quality education for their students.

Industrial Arts Department Head

A native of Braintree, Collins currently serves as industrial arts department head for the Agawam High, junior high, and middle school.

The son of a Scot sheet metal worker, Collins states that he always had a desire to teach and was encouraged to do so by one of his high school instructors.

Utilizing his familiarity with metals, he enrolled at Fitchburg State College where he majored in industrial arts.

After receiving a bachelor of science degree in education from that institution, he began his career by teaching junior high drafting in Brockton.

Collins came to Agawam in 1960 and was hired by former Superintendent of Schools James Clark, to instruct at the former junior high on Main Street.

In 1972, he was asked to supervise the design of the shop area for the new junior high building in Feeding Hills.

Collins, who became department head in 1974, moved to the senior high where he has worked under three principals, including Paul Tatro, David Theodorowicz, and John Morrissey.

Heading-up a 12-man department, which provides an extensive program for students in grades 6-12, his duties include, buying equipment, printing for the school system, curriculum revisions, and classroom supervision.

The veteran educator says that he has always enjoyed his position due to the excellent cooperation he has received from principals, teachers, and school department officials throughout the years.

"Everyone has been very nice to me and pleasant to work with. My requests for new equipment have been granted, within reason, which is an important factor in our program's continued growth," he remarks.

Collins notes that there have been many curriculum changes during the past 25 years. He relates that today's curriculum is technology based and adequately prepares students for either college or entry into the work force.

The department head also recalls when girls were first allowed to take industrial arts courses in 1965. Prior to that time, girls only could take home economics while boys took shop.

"When girls first began taking shop, they were kept together in all-female classes. Today, we have mixed groups, with both sexes adequately handling shop problems," he comments.

Although the curriculum has changed, Collins feels students have remained basically the same. He cites the years 1969-72 as being the most difficult for youngsters. However, he believes today's youths are more career oriented and serious about achieving their goals.

"As an old friend once told me that you have to change your style of teaching with the times. I've also mellowed considerably throughout the years," he states.

Future Plans For Department

Collins hopes that future plans for his department will include an eighth grade home repair and electronics program. The purchase of a computer for the junior high, which not only would complement the system presently in use at the senior high but also give students practical experience prior to tenth grade, is another goal.

The popular instructor points out that there is still a great need for industrial arts teachers in the education field. He notes that many would-be teachers are understandably lured away by the higher salaries offered by industry.

"To be an industrial arts teacher, one has to really love teaching above monetary compensation," he declares.

Collins says that he has always enjoyed teaching and working in the Agawam School System. Although offered other positions, he has never regretted his decision to remain in Agawam.

"This is a nice town and the people are just great. I really like what I'm doing," he proclaims.

Collins points out that his fondness for town residents is the main reason he has remained a teacher in the evening Adult Education program for the past 23 years.

A member of the executive state committee of the Massachusetts Industrial Education Society, Collins



ROBINSON PARK FIRST GRADE TEACHER Harriet Aspden. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

received his masters of education degree from Westfield State College. Moreover, he has compiled numerous graduate courses at the University of Massachusetts, Springfield College, and Fitchburg State College.

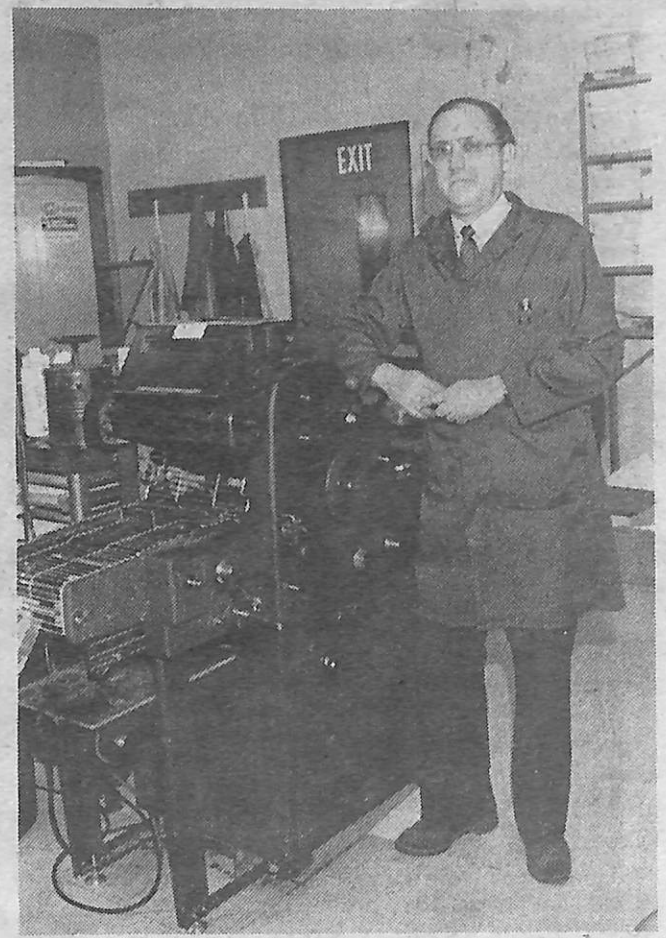
Collins, who resides in Westfield with his wife of 25 years, Maxine, is the proud father of three children, Peter, an engineer at General Dynamics; Susan, a designer at Buxton; and Karen, a communications major at the University of Massachusetts.

Harriet Aspden has the unique distinction of being the only present first grade teacher to have taught that grade for the longest consecutive time in this school system.

A 1956 graduate of Agawam High School, Mrs. Aspden recalls being a member of the first class to graduate from the new senior high school building on Cooper Street.

After successfully completing her studies and practice teaching, she graduated from Westfield State College where she received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education in 1960.

Mrs. Aspden remembers that former Superintendent



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL industrial arts department head Thomas Collins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

of Schools James Clark witnessed some of her practice teaching classes at the former training schools. After evaluating her performance, he offered her a newly-opened position of first grade teacher in Agawam.

Although she received 10 teaching job offers, her greatest desire was to teach in the Agawam schools, a decision which she has never regretted making.

Mrs. Aspden recalls that Robinson Park School was just opening at the time she was hired and it was to that school she was assigned.

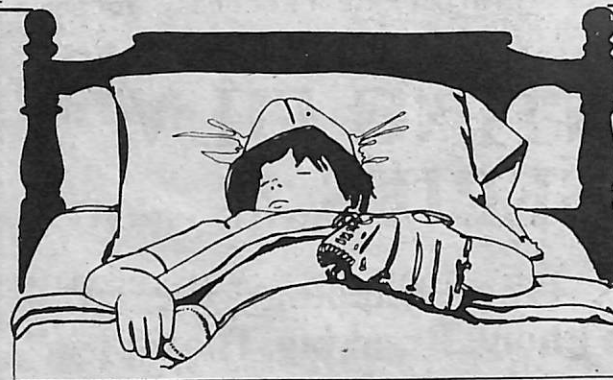
Moreover, her name as well as the names of all her students in her first class were written on a scroll and sealed into the cornerstone of the building upon its dedication.

Teaching under the guidance of former principals Mary Lynch and Thelma Meadon, and currently working closely with principal Barbara Skolnick, Mrs. Aspden has become synonymous with Robinson Park School and Room One, in which she has taught for the past 16 years.

Mrs. Aspden has also witnessed many changes in the school curriculum and in the students whom she has instructed during her career.

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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, February 26th: Chicken soup, baked chicken nuggets, honey dip, mayonnaise, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, sweet potato spice cake with peanut butter icing, milk.

Wednesday, February 27th: Steamed frank in roll, oven baked beans, buttered mixed vegetables, mustard, relish, ketchup, applesauce brown betty, milk.

Thursday, February 28th: Apple juice, meatballs in sauce, buttered macaroni, niblet corn, bread and butter, chocolate cake with vanilla, icing, milk.

Friday, March 1st: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad with French dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

AHS Additions To Honor Roll

The new names added to the Agawam High School "Honor Roll" are Claudine Bouchard, Mark Lepper, and Kim Nardi. They are all 10th graders.

Middle School Additions To Honor Roll

7th Grade

Kenneth Blakeslee, Jennifer Crane, Kristine Dilizia, Elizabeth Gould, Christine Guiel, Victoria Gurley, Rachel Hyland, Elizabeth Krajewski, Eftch Lam-bouses.

6th Grade

Carlisle Davis, Todd Gionfriddo, Vicky LaFlamme, Jilda Navick, Michael McElligott, Starla Haffke.

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One very important curriculum change was the introduction of kindergarten into the school system in 1973. Until that time, first grade teachers were responsible for introducing their students to the most basic of academic skills. Most children did not possess these skills unless they were exposed to nursery school, she recalls.

Also, Mrs. Aspden notes that class size was much larger in the past than today, with 30-35 pupils comprising the norm. Moreover, today's modern learning process dictates that a considerable amount of material be mastered, creating a full work load on the average first grade pupil.

According to her, today's reading program consists of a wealth of materials, including a readiness book, three pre-primers, a primer, book one, as well as numerous supplementary texts.

Students Eager To Learn And Be Challenged

"I feel today's teaching materials are in general more advanced, detailed, challenging, and up-to-date with our times," she remarks.

Likewise, Mrs. Aspden says that the new students she encounters each school year are more eager to learn and be challenged. She explains that because of the vast and varied exposure television offers these children, they are made more aware of the world around them and their interests are much more diversified than those of older generations.

Mrs. Aspden confesses that she has always enjoyed teaching first grade and has never desired to instruct another grade level.

"At this young age, first grade pupils are so enjoyable, impressionable, and trusting. Also, a teacher derives a tremendous amount of pleasure in witnessing the many big changes which take place in these youngsters from the first time they walk through the doorway in September until they are ready to leave in June," she comments.

A firm but fair disciplinarian, Mrs. Aspden has won the respect, love, and admiration of her students throughout the years. Hopefully, yet another generation of students will be enriched by her excellence as a teacher.

A longtime resident of Westfield, Mrs. Aspden resides with her husband, Walter.

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The two courses being held at STCC during the weeks of February 28th and March 12th, are "A Managers Guide to Human Behavior" and "Fundamentals of Modern Marketing."

Beginning Thursday, February 28th, at 6:45 p.m., the human behavior course will help to supply the critical motivation that both your workers and your supervisors need to achieve maximum results.

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60-Member Town Delegation Going Back To Adelphi

by Alexis Ferioli
School Dept. Editor

A 60-member delegation comprised of school administrators, personnel, and concerned community leaders, will participate in a three-day expansion workshop sponsored by Adelphi University March 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, in Newport, Rhode Island.

The institute, one of five regional training centers sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, helps schools and communities develop viable programs to combat drug and alcohol abuse among today's youth.

Superintendent of Schools, James V. Bruno, points out that the focus of the workshop will be substance abuse prevention at the elementary

and middle grade levels.

He reports that in the past, local delegations have received extensive training in programs geared primarily for secondary students.

Bruno explains that approximately eight Adelphi consultants will meet with local delegates to develop action plans which can be instituted throughout town elementary schools.

According to him, rather than prescribing preconceived solutions to problems, Adelphi representatives offer a systematic process that is adaptable to a wide variety of problems and circumstances. This approach allows schools to tailor the program to their individual needs, he adds.

Bruno relates that Phelps and Robinson Park

Elementary Schools, as well as the middle school, already have programs established and will further expand them. However, "grass roots" plans will be developed for Clark and Granger Elementary Schools.

Some of the topics scheduled for discussion include, improving school environment and the prevention of suicide and substance abuse in elementary children.

Bruno says that he is confident the expansion workshop will be as successful and worthwhile as those attended in the recent past.

"Judging by last year's results, we're very optimistic about the outcome of this next session," he remarks.

My Postal Duties Are...



FEEDING HILLS POST OFFICE letter carrier Shirley Taylor recently visited "The Children's School" on Springfield Street, owned and operated by Debbie Conte, to explain to the youngsters a few facts about the post office. The children presented her with Valentines. From left - Mrs. Taylor, Kevin Hill, Amber Conte, Larry Orenstein, and Katharine Theroux.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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19th Century Games For Kids On Feb. 24th

Make the last day of your child's winter school vacation a real treat by participating in amusements of bygone days at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum on Sunday, February 24th, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Both children and adults are invited to play a special selection of popular nineteenth century games.

Visitors can challenge their hand and eye coordination with Jack Straws and the Yacht Puzzle; test their luck with the Checkered Game of Life and the Fortune Telling game; or match their wits with a game of Authors and Skittles.

These are a few of the 19th century games considered to "intensely amuse, and also impart excellent instruction to all the players."

While at the museum, visitors are invited to examine an exhibit of games from the museum's collection and from the collection of "The Big Game Hunter," Bruce Whitehill.

Take the opportunity to compare older games to those currently on the market and see for yourself the changes toward child development and education in "games people play."

Adult supervision is required as well as a deposit of \$2 which is refundable when the playing pieces are returned to the guard.

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Summer Camp Set By Parks Department

Director of Parks and Recreation Jack Kunasek has announced that the summer day camp for Agawam youths only will open on Monday, July 1st and operate for seven weeks, closing on Friday, August 17th, at 12:00 noon.

Camp will operate Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each day, but will not open on Thursday, July 4th. All campers will bring their lunch, although there will be a Good Humor truck at the site during lunch break.

The day camp replaced the playground system two years ago and has been a complete success. The day-long program will again be based at Shea's Field and the nearby state maintained swimming pool.

The camp will offer a full slate of daily activities, including tennis instruction, arts and crafts, active and passive games, and instructional sports mini-camps. Field trips will be conducted to such places as Look Park, Mountain Park, etc.

Inclement weather days are built into the summer program. If at 8:00 a.m., we are receiving unchanging steady rain, there will be no camp for that total day. It will be announced on radio station WMAS by 8:15 a.m.

If during the day we receive summer showers, we will remain open; but if heavy rain continues, the children who take the bus will be bussed home without notice; others must be picked up. If still in doubt, call the recreation office. Rain days are not re-scheduled.

This program is not a built-in babysitting service. If an unforeseen problem arises, campers will be sent home immediately!

A limit of 200 campers per week, between the ages of 6 to 15 will be accepted. The seven-week program will cost \$75 with transportation and \$50 without. The three-week program will be \$50 with transportation and \$30 without. The two-week program will cost \$35 with transportation, \$20 without.

Busses will run along the main routes in town for those who wish transportation. Stops will be designated at a later date and printed in this local paper, the same as the school schedule.

Registration forms will be available in the Parks and Recreation Office beginning Monday, May 6th, to Friday, May 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be a \$10 reduction for every child after the first registered per family. The registration fee is payable at registration and is non-refundable and non-transferable.

If your child is suspended from camp for disciplinary reasons, the registration fee is non-refundable. You will receive prior notice of a problem.

Watch this paper for additional information.

Night Sky Program At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, will offer an evening program entitled, "Things Are Looking Up! An Introduction to the Nighttime Sky," for families on Friday, March 1st, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The winter sky offers some of the best stargazing conditions of the year. Constellations are bright and the clear, crisp nights enhance their viewing. This family program will include a slide presentation followed by a step outside - so dress warmly.

Leader for this "Introduction to the Nighttime Sky" will be Doug Kimball, regional program director of the Central Sanctuaries, Massachusetts Audubon Society.

"Things Are Looking Up" is open to all families, ages 12 and up. Space is limited and reservations are required.

For more information and fees, contact Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.



FAMILY NATURALIST

By Kay Kudlinski

Snowfleas

I continually amaze myself.

I'm working on a picturebook and I just learned the most amazing thing about an insect with whom I had thought I was familiar.

Full Of Surprises

I've always been intrigued by snowfleas because they are so full of surprises. For example, their name: they aren't fleas at all, though they ARE found on snow. They are actually "Springtails," who do not jump, as fleas do, but spring about. The spring is a forked tail held to their belly with a special catch.

When danger threatens, they release the catch and their long tail springs free, throwing them inches into the air - an amazingly high tail-vault for an insect less than an eighth of an inch long!

Equally astonishing is the fact that winter is hunting season for Springtails. Most of their lives, these tiny dark specks live in the moist, constant darkness of the soil. During a mid-winter thaw, when sunshine plays over the snow banks, they emerge by the millions.

They climb to the surface through small spaces between the packed snowflakes or upward along plant's stems. Scientists are divided about the cause of this migration. They may be fleeing a death by drowning in soil saturated by snowmelt. They may also be out a-wooing other snowfleas in the earliest spring sunshine. I prefer that theory.

One springtail is nearly invisible. Thousands and millions of them stain the surface of snowbanks gray or pink, astounding in their very numbers.

And it is their number that my picturebook research

EDITOR'S NOTE: We suggest that parents ask their children to read FAMILY NATURE LORE because of its educational value. Kay Kudlinski is a teacher at Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden and this column is based on her many experiences

turned up: Springtails are THE most common insect. I was so astounded by this statement that I double checked the fact in other sources. It's true.

It may seem that ants, or roaches, or even flies are the most common, but there are probably more springtails alive today THAN ALL OTHER INSECTS COMBINED. And most people have never even heard of them. That is amazing!

Seen Only On An Occasional Snowbank

Springtails are all very tiny and all live underground so that they are never seen, except on an occasional snow bank. They do not compete with man for food, cause diseases, or destroy anything we value, so they're an easy insect to overlook. They live mostly on rotting plants, animals and animal droppings in the soil.

While that may sound repulsive, without the soil's clean-up crew, we'd all be chin-deep in the bodies and droppings of every animal that ever lived.

I had thought all Springtails were snowfleas. But, rather than one species, there are over one thousand different kinds of Collembola, the more proper name for snowfleas.

Some have eyes, some do not. Some are colorful while others are drab or white. Some kinds are round, some are tall and skinny, others are short and flat, and a few don't even have springy tails.

But all, without exception, wash themselves like a cat, carefully licking their "paws" and washing themselves all over.

There is nothing more exciting to me than discovering amazing facts, like these about the Springtails; facts I didn't know, but should have. I like the feeling so much that I deliberately stalk amazement. It's not hard to find, once you know where to look.

Nature, for instance, is full of the truly amazing. You can find it by prowling through the woods, reading challenging books, watching some of those PBS, TV-57 programs, or even taking a course in something that's always interested you.

Amazement is so intoxicating, you begin to look for, and find it everywhere. You might even find it basking on a sunny snow bank in February!

Laughing Brook Slates Another "Family Day"

"Family Day" at Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden will be held on Sunday, February 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission for this special day will be half-price.

At 2:00 p.m., there will be a program, entitled "Mother Nature Is Telling You Stories," an interpretive slide show and nature walk to discover the animal and plant clues that Mother Nature leaves.

Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy a quiet walk in the winter woods, tour the Storyteller's House, or

observe native New England wildlife in outdoor enclosures.

Laughing Brook staff and volunteers will be on-hand to greet visitors and answer questions. Come early and bring a friend.

"Family Day At Laughing Brook" is open to the public. Admission for the day is half-price and includes the program, "Mother Nature Is Telling You Stories."

For more information, contact Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

Lin Cavanaugh Named To Dean's List

Lin A. Cavanaugh of Feeding Hills, an animal technician major at the Holliston campus, was recently named to the Dean's List at Newbury Junior College.

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Understanding A Child's Emotional Needs

The adult must understand the youngster's emotional needs. This is done by empathy, understanding, and love. Love contributes to the child's security and gives a feeling of being valued. Love can then be given in return.

Demonstrate Love For Child

Demonstrate in word and touch how much the child is loved. An emotionally mature adult, who accepts the fact of death with courage and wisdom but not stoically, will convey to the youngster that the business of life is living. The dead are to be remembered with appreciation, but after a short time the energies of those who mourn must turn again to those who live on.

Assist the child to unburden feelings through expression, confession, remembrance and release. The child needs to talk, not just to be talked to. Every opportunity should be given to discuss memories of the person who has died, to ask questions and be permitted to even express antipathy as well as affection for the deceased if this is desired.

Adults should encourage the child to accept the reality of death. The child's reaction to a death is geared to his particular stage of development. Parents must be careful not to attach adult-oriented meanings to the ways in which a child expresses an understanding of death. Nor should they same or criticize for whatever responses are being made.

For the child whose grief is deep and sustained, provide every possible opportunity to talk about the loss. Then aid the child in getting into age-appropriate social activities.

The necessity for carrying on day-to-day routines will assist the process of adjustment, and, in time, special interests and pleasures will again assume their normal place in the scheme of things - for both parent and child.

Respect The Child's Own Personality

Adults must take great care not to work out their own grief experience through the child. It is damaging to try to make the child an emotional replacement for the deceased. Respect the child's own personality.

In the end, what you are will determine what you teach your children. You communicate your feelings, your faith and your own fears both consciously and unconsciously. The real challenge is not just how to explain death to children, but first to understand and accept it yourself.

Hampden County Radio Assn. To Meet At Agawam High

Did you ever yearn to talk directly to an astronaut? Bounce your voice off a meteor's path? Send your picture around the world? Hold a conversation with a person in a far off corner of the world? Well, you can, if you obtain an amateur radio license!

Radio classes being sponsored by the Hampden County Radio Association start at the Agawam High School Tuesday, February 26th, at 7:00 p.m.

You'll be able to start out at the beginner's level, and earn the novice amateur radio license, or take a class to pass the next higher levels; technician, general, advanced, or extra. Morse code is being taught so that anyone, at any age, can learn it! You'll be surprised how quickly you'll pick it up.

Amateur radio is an international hobby. Radio signals don't stop at a national boundary, so it is regulated internationally. Our government now allows radio amateurs to give the tests to allow citizens to put their own station on the air. What a station it can be!

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Park & Rec Announce Shea's Summer Camp

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will once again run the Summer Pre-School Camp at Shea's Field. Camp will run from July 1st to August 16th.

Two sessions will be offered; Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. You may sign-up your child for only one session. There will be a limit of 25 children per session.


Campers must be between the ages of 3½ to 5 years

and reside in Agawam. Parents **must** provide transportation. If it is raining at 9:00 a.m., Pre-School Camp will be cancelled for the day. Camp will be closed Thursday, July 4th.

Registration will be conducted at the Agawam Parks and Recreation Office beginning Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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WISE-CRACKING JOAN (Bay Path Junior College student Sheery Brown) and hooper-turned-sailor Lucky (Joe Calebrais of Feeding Hills), in a scene from "Dames At Sea."

Bay Path To Present Dames At Sea

The Theatre Arts Department of Bay Path Junior College will present *Dames at Sea*, a musical spoof of the film, *42nd Street*, on March 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th, at 8:00 p.m., in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee, on March 9th.

According to Paul C. Norton, play director/producer and associate professor of theatre arts at the college, *Dames at Sea* features Busby Berkeley-type production numbers, love ballads, tap dances, and soft-shoe routines, and when it was first presented on Broadway in the 1960s, it was the debut vehicle for Bernadette Peters.

With book and lyrics by George Haimsohn and Robin Miller, and music by Jim Wise, the musical parody has a deliberately small cast and music which sounds just a bit familiar. All of the female roles are filled by Bay Path students.

Cast as Ruby, the fresh-faced girl who comes to Broadway with tap shoes in her suitcase and a song in her heart, is Ana Schwartz of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. The temperamental star Mona Kent is played by Laura Stuart of Bloomfield, Connecticut; and blonde, wise-cracking Joan is played by Sheery Brown of East Hartford, Connecticut.

Men in the cast include: Steven Devaney of Feeding Hills, as sailor/songwriter Dick; Steven Vigurs of South Windsor, Connecticut, as the harried producer Hennessey; Joey Calebrais of Feeding Hills, as happy-go-lucky Lucky; and David Jones of Westfield, as the Captain. Calebrais also serves as choreographer for the show, and Jones is scene designer.

Musical director of the show is Judy Brown, and Bay Path student Gail Hubbell of Moosup, Connecticut, is serving as assistant director. Susan Huck Meeske of Longmeadow is costume designer.

The box office opened Wednesday, February 20th, in Deepwood Hall on the campus, and tickets may be ordered by calling weekdays, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. All seats are reserved.

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PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit
Entertainment
Editor

The Breakfast Club: 3 STARS

This comedy-drama focuses on five teenagers who have diverse personalities and backgrounds: an athlete (Emilio Estevez), a scholarly worrywart (Anthony Michael Hall), a wisecracking troublemaker (Judd Nelson), a rich socialite (Molly Ringwald), and an eccentric loner (Ally Sheedy).

While serving detention at their high school on a Saturday morning and afternoon, these young people reveal their true selves to each other and eventually develop a relationship that is more meaningful than most schooltime friendships.

Despite having some slow scenes and an ending that's a bit hard to swallow, *The Breakfast Club* is worth seeing. Director-writer John Hughes (*Sixteen Candles*) gives us characters who are truly believable and conflicts which everyone can identify with. The film knows what makes teenagers tick, and its realistic depiction of this period of life is endearingly refreshing.

On a couple of levels, *The Breakfast Club* resembles the popular 1983 movie *The Big Chill*. Not only do both pictures deal with universal problems and themes, but they effectively combine drama with comedy. Moreover, the performances in both films represent ensemble acting at its finest.

Heaven Help Us: 2 STARS

Set in 1965, *Heaven Help Us* examines the trials and tribulations of the teenage boys who attend St. Basil's, a Catholic high school in Brooklyn, New York. At St. Basil's, discipline is strict, a dress code is enforced, and the instructors preach fire and brimstone as well as teach the three R's.

This picture tries to tell two stories at the same time. One half of the film satirizes parochial education via the *Animal House* style of comedy, and the other half deals with the tender relationship that develops between one of St. Basil's students (Andrew McCarthy) and a non-Catholic girl (Mary Stuart Masterson).

Unfortunately, the blend of these divergent stories results in a film which is uneven in tone and theme. The particular mix of comedy and drama in *Heaven Help Us* is jarring, and this quality leads us to believe that the creators of the picture didn't have a clear idea as to what kind of movie they wanted to make.

Still, the film has its good points. The cast, which includes Donald Sutherland as the humorously laid-back headmaster of St. Basil's, turns in convincing performances. And for anyone who has ever attended a parochial school (and this includes myself), *Heaven Help Us* will provide some chuckles through its witty

portrayal of this form of education and the people who are on the teaching end of it.

Mrs. Soffel: 1½ STARS

Based on a true story that occurred at the beginning of the 20th century, this drama focuses on the romantic relationship between a prison warden's wife (Diane Keaton) and one of her husband's inmates, a convicted murderer (Mel Gibson) who's been sentenced to die.

At first, the wife tries to prevent the death sentence from being carried out because she's a religious woman who's opposed to capital punishment.

But, when it appears as if there's no more hope for the convict, she helps him to escape from prison and decides to leave her family and children so that she can be with her newfound and newly freed love.

The title of this movie should have been *Mrs. Souffle*. There's a light and sugary quality to the characters and the plot, and the picture itself is as substantial as a dime-store romance novel.

Furthermore, director Gillian Armstrong (*My Brilliant Career*) fails to give the warden's wife credible motivation for her actions, thus turning her into a gimmick for advancing the plot instead of a believable character whom we can care for.

However, the film isn't a total mess. Keaton (*The Little Drummer Girl*) and Gibson (*The River*) manage to give good performances that have some genuine emotion, which proves that they are among the minority of actors who can appear in a bad movie without being bad themselves.

Vision Quest: 2½ STARS

The title of this picture is bizarre, but the plot is quite ordinary. An 18-year-old high school wrestler (Matthew Modine) wants to lose a number of pounds so that he can fight in the same weight category as that of a rival school's toughest grappler.

But, when a 21 year-old aspiring artist named Carlo (Linda Fiorentino) becomes a boarder in his home, this 18-year-old soon finds it difficult to keep all of his attention on athletics.

Vision Quest is to wrestling what the *Rocky* trilogy is to boxing. Modine's character experiences problems which aren't far different from those of Sylvester Stallone's most famous role, and the film builds up to the kind of climactic contest which has become commonplace since the first *Rocky* picture came out.

In spite of its mundane quality, however, *Vision Quest* deserves praise. Besides having a romantic subplot that's realistically tender, it shows that Modine and Fiorentino have the talent to become famous and respected names in Hollywood. Incidentally, Modine gives a fine performance in the aforementioned *Mrs. Soffel*, and he does just as good a job as Keaton and Gibson do.

***THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:** Although each of them contains some strong language and mature situations, *The Breakfast Club*, *Heaven Help Us*, and *Vision Quest* are R-rated films which could have been PG-13.

Mrs. Soffel is rated PG-13 for adult subject matter.

Sampler Of Quilts Display At Museum

A "sampler" of New England quilts is on display at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum through April 12th.

Accompanying the ten quilts are period quotations which reveal the attitudes of quilt-makers toward their craft and toward the products of their handiwork.

The quilts were the result of long hours of choosing

and laying out the pattern, cutting and piecing material, even before the actual quilting of the three layers (pieced top, filler, and backing) could begin.

For many, the process was more than merely the "appropriate occupation of a woman;" it represented a major investment of time, thought, and emotion.

The skill required to complete a quilted coverlet varied with the complexity of the patterns and the techniques employed. Even a "basic" pieced top could challenge the designer's ability to match and contrast colored and patterned materials. Often a fancy quilt was the product of many women.

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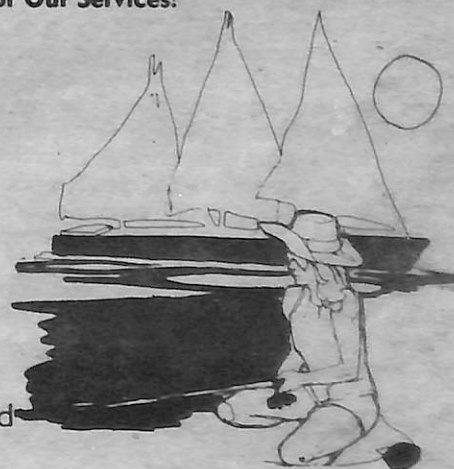
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Local Artist's Works On Display At Library

by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Feeding Hills artist Suzanne Marie Molleur has several eye-catching works of art on display at the Agawam Public Library.

During an interview, the young mother of three active boys explained that she fits in her painting whenever she can during the day.

"The household routine and children take up most of my spare time," she said, "but that doesn't stop me from my painting." An extremely creative artist, she fits in her art when eleven-year-old Louis and Matthew, 7, are attending school at Robinson Park, and one-and-a-half-year-old Billy is napping.

Her husband, Joseph, an electronic technician at the post office, encourages her to paint. Although she does not have a studio at their Portland Street home, Mrs. Molleur paints in the dining room, kitchen, and occasionally in the living room.

"In the summertime, I paint on my porch or in the backyard," she said, but New England weather keeps her indoors all winter.

Use Art To Help Others

"One thing I like to do," she said, "is to use my art to help others. For instance, my aunt asked me to do a painting of her pet dog that she adored and was very pleased with the result."

Mrs. Molleur receives requests to paint from photographs and enjoys making people feel better when they have a painting of something dear to them. "That is the basis for my art," she said. "I like to strike a chord in people."

She also paints for self-expression. Always on the alert for a subject to paint, she will make a sketch and later do a canvas. For example, she was once in a building when an unusual individual was looking through a room divider directly at her and Mrs. Molleur quickly made a sketch on scrap paper.

Soon after, the sketch was transformed to a rather unusual oil painting that is on display and must be



SUSAN MARIE MOLLEUR, an artist from Feeding Hills, has several of her works now on display at the Agawam Public Library. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

seen in the Public Library lobby.

Another time, while on the West Coast, she noticed a rather distressed woman garishly made up and sitting at a drug store counter. She remembers telling her husband about the woman and he encouraged her to do a painting. She chose acrylic paint, using thick textured strokes and the effect is interesting.

Each of her paintings on display at the library tell a story and, during the interview, Mrs. Molleur explained each one.

Self Portraits Depict Variable Moods

There are several self-portraits and depict the young artist's variable moods. Also included in the display is a rather pensive portrait of her husband. Other works include her children as subjects. All of her art work is beautifully framed, using woods and metals. professionally displayed.

Included among family portraits and serene scenes are more vivid works she has created. "What's important is the feeling and the spirit of the subject," she said. "On some of my work, I abstract instead of copying reality."

Mrs. Molleur uses acrylics, oils, ink, pastels, charcoal, pencil, and watercolors. Her ambition since childhood was to be an artist. She has painted in California, Florida, and on Cape Cod.

Originally from Quincy, she has lived in Feeding Hills five years and likes the area, especially for her children.

Besides the Agawam Public Library, more of Mrs. Molleur's art is on display at DaVinci's Restaurant at the Court House in Feeding Hills and in West Springfield at Discount Furniture.

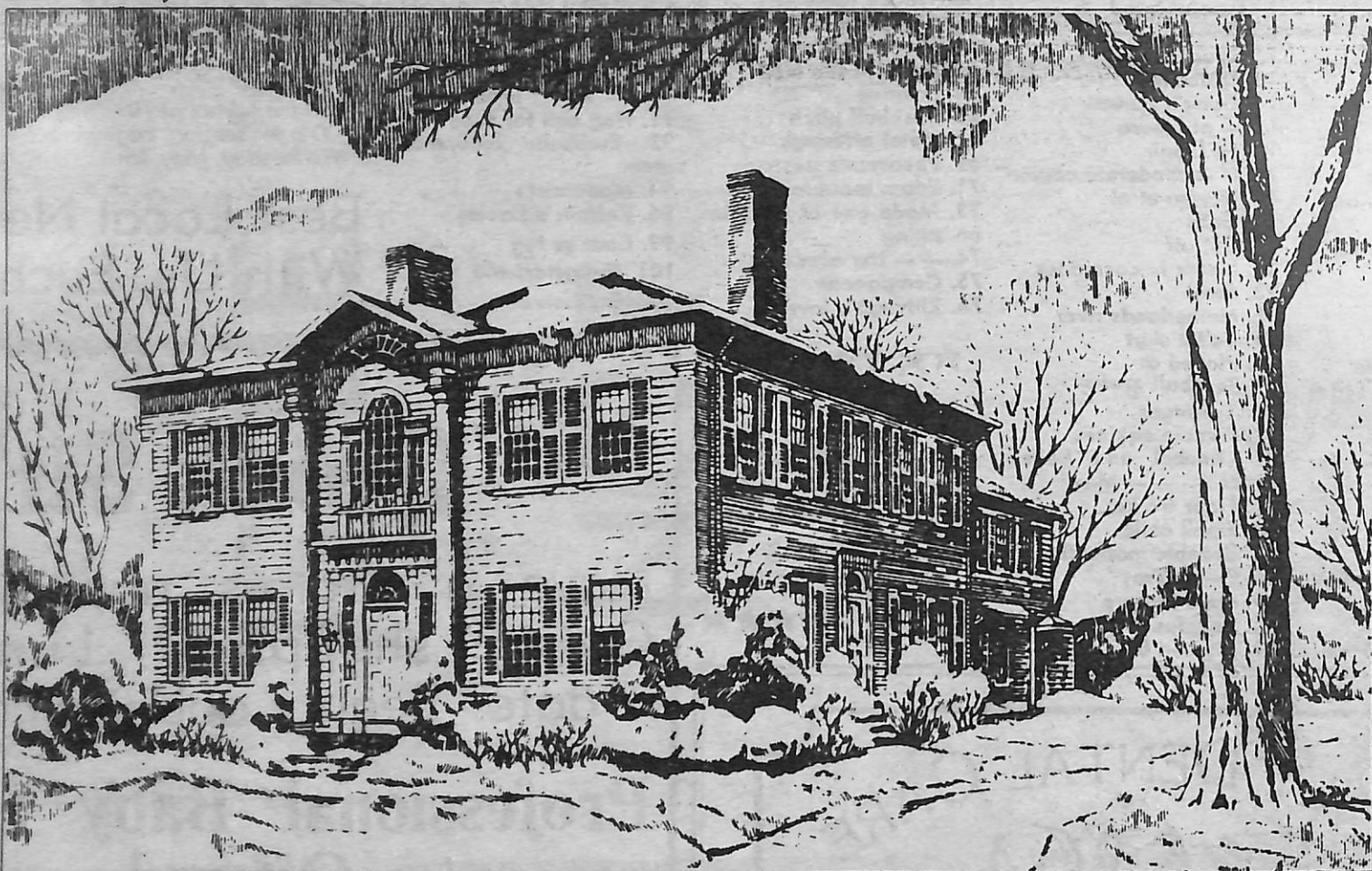
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Included in the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum's "Sampler" of quilts are a variety of types and styles. Pieced work, applique, stippling (a tight pattern of quilted stitches), are types and styles of New England quilt-making represented in the exhibit.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency, and by a general operating support grant from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency that administers to

the nation's museums.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.



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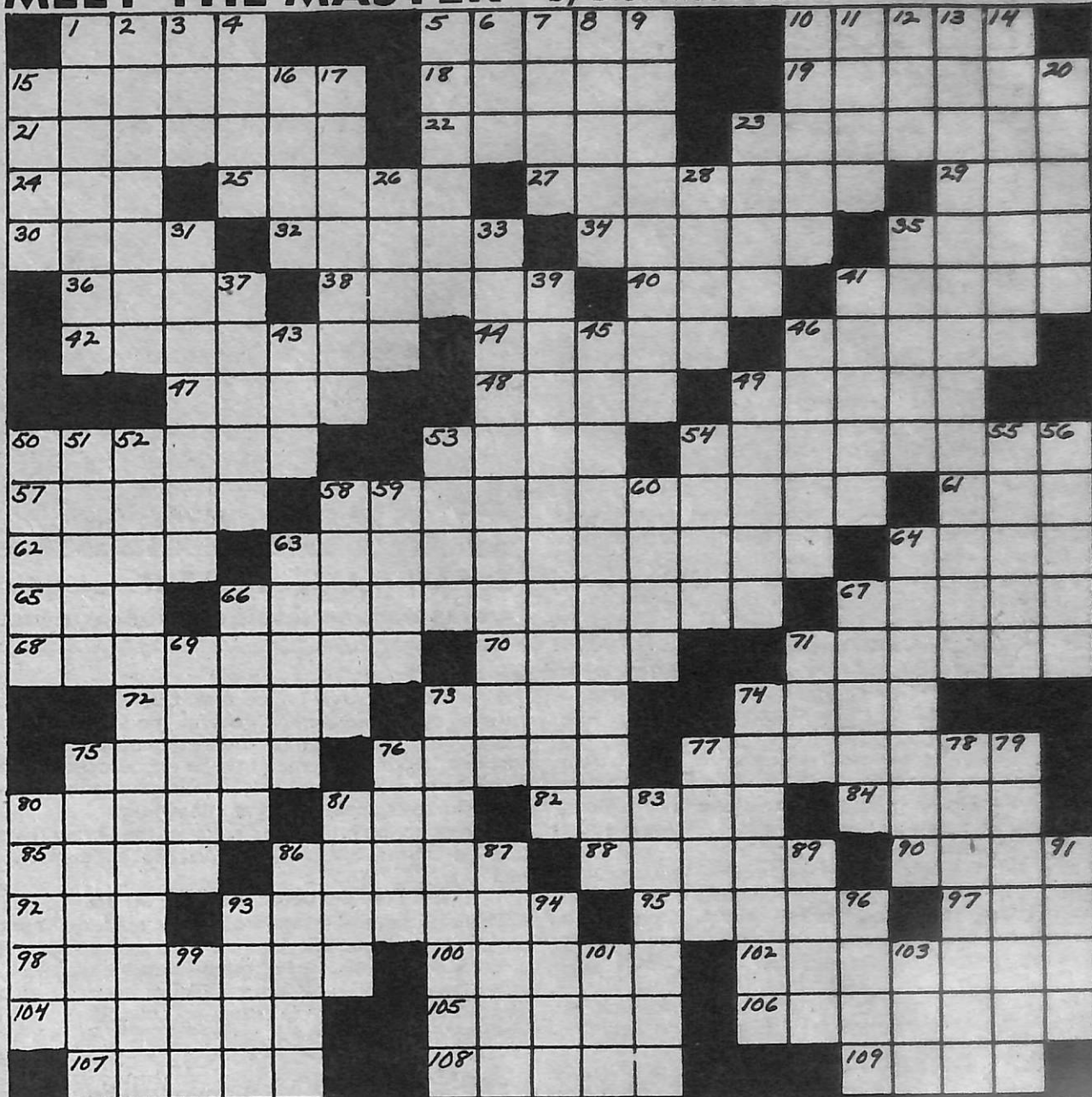
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18. Debar
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23. Appoints again
24. Auricle
25. Prunes
27. Thawing
29. Between mark and go
30. Building beam
32. Iberia
34. Ignored urban areas
35. Venture
36. Biblical land
38. Notre Dame locale
40. Summer in 38A
45. On edge
42. Argues
44. Jawaharlal of India
46. Frau's name
47. Small nail
48. Little and Braun
49. CSA General
50. Posted
53. Final word
54. — — miles to go
57. — — midi d'un faune
58. Writing needs
61. Viscous semi-solid
62. Stepped upon
63. Homo Sapiens
64. Solidify
65. Unit of weight
66. S. King book title
67. Peewee from Louisville
78. Traps
70. "I only have — for you"
71. Equines
72. Helpers
73. Young woman
74. Tuber
75. Completed
76. "The sky's the —"
77. Way to send a letter

DOWN

80. Arn
81. Container
82. Mediating groups
84. Father
85. Cat's cries
86. Openings
88. Fished for congers
90. Certain bks
92. Prefix: shoulder
93. Egyptian Sultan
95. Assault
97. Modern
98. Spotted jungle cat
100. The end
102. Shrews
104. Make beloved
105. Submersible
106. Navel and Valencias
107. Ivan and others
108. Savor
109. Suffix: agent
1. Scolded
2. Usually
3. Bird beak
4. Mend, as a bone
5. Affirmative response
6. Time zone
7. Type of bond
8. Pits
9. School books
10. Unlocks
11. Dong's partner
12. — et labora
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20. Name in cosmetics
23. Frost
26. Netherlands river
28. Ballet skirt
31. Played at
33. Baseball group
35. Expunges
37. Female equines
39. Knebel and Bailey novel "— — May"
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43. Small child
45. Grapple manually
46. "— of Troy"
49. More mature
50. Regulus
51. Kitchen bib

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52. Golf bag contents
53. Indian coins
54. Famous aunt
55. Slip-knot
56. Adores
58. French fathers
59. Compass headings
60. Kitchen utensils
63. Stuck in the mud
64. Positive
66. Baseball pitch
67. Hotel offerings
69. Pheasant's nests
71. Edom mountain
73. Made one of three in an inning
74. — — the occasion
75. Component
76. Zhivago's love

77. "Ready, willing and —"
78. Memorable era
79. Prier
80. Soap substitute
81. Winter woe
83. Payback
86. Young fish
87. Lion in Africa
89. "— John" letter
91. Hog call for food
93. European industrial area
94. Modernists
96. Refrain syllables
99. Coat or fog
101. Gangsters rod
103. Explosive

Sign-Ups Scheduled For Spring Story Time At Library

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MEMBERS OF THE UNDEFEATED Agawam High School junior varsity wrestling team are, back row, from left - Vinnie Pallotta, Jeff O'Keefe, Tony Langone, Kevin Voyer, Glen Tetreault, Steve Yager, Scott Mazza, Jim Maloney, Steve Jarvis, and Coach Gary Geiger. Front row: Bob Beaulieu, Tom Cascio, Evan Humphries, Bob Morassi, Todd Godek, Carter Bowrys, Peter Shannon, Jerry Allen, and Gary Cerpovicz.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS JV Grapplers Finish 11-0 Season

by Judith Kelliher

Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High junior varsity wrestling team enjoyed its largest turnout ever this season, but according to second-year coach Gary Geiger, it's quality athletes not just quantity that helped the Brownies to a perfect, 11-0 record.

A team of 25 members strong, that also included three grapplers who eventually moved-up to the varsity squad, improved on last season's mark of 9-3.

The combined, two-year record under Geiger for the JV's stands at 20-3, which is outstanding, especially when one considers Agawam High has never had much success with many of its JV programs in terms of wins and losses in recent years.

"We had quality athletes out there. Many of these kids were already exposed to organized, competitive sports like freshman football," said Geiger, himself a former standout on the AHS mats. "We won with everyone this year. The most important thing is for the kids to get the experience. They're learning the basics and using the JV level to perfect their skills."

Four of the team's 11 victories were shutouts. The squad's best win, according to Geiger, was a 40-19 rout over Putnam on January 16th. The Beavers' varsity were the Division I Western Mass. winners. Other memorable wins for the Brownies included Amherst,

54-0; Westfield, 34-15; Longmeadow, 51-0; and Cathedral, 33-7.

Another key to the junior varsity's success was a wealth of depth. Many freshmen and sophomores competed, indicating the Brownies' impressive varsity program will continue to prosper.

In fact, the varsity would not have fared quite so well this year (11-1, second place in Western Mass. Division I) if it weren't for the JV program.

"Each day, the JV kids would practice with the varsity," said Geiger. "Their work ethics and constant striving for improvement only helped the already experienced varsity wrestlers. By making the varsity work extra hard, the JV's were helping themselves as well."

The junior members of the squad are: Jim Maloney

(169), Tony Ingham (134), Benny Rocca (147), Kevin Voyer (157), Glenn Tetreault (147), and Jerry Allen (134).

The 12 sophomores on the JV are: Peter Shannon (114), Bob Morassi (121), Todd Godek (134), Evan Humphries (121), Vinnie Pallotta (157), Gary Cerpovicz (147), Jeff O'Keefe (147), Brian Coffey (128), Carter Bowrys (128), Bob Beaulieu (100), Dave Giordano (134), and Steve Jarvis (128).

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Panthers' Girls Stop Brownies In Hoop

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Cathedral High girls' basketball team, behind the offensive surge of Laura Gaze and Rosemary Laflamme, outscored Agawam High, 31-16 in the second half en route to a 52-37 triumph on Tuesday, February 19th.

In Valley Wheel action last week, second place Amherst (15-1) got double figure scoring from five players as they blew away the Brownies, 91-41 on Thursday, February 14th.

The two losses give coach Cindy Grieve's hoopsters a 5-11 record, with two games remaining.

The game vs. Cathedral (8-8) was a see-saw battle for the first half of play as both teams took turns being the frontrunner.

In the low scoring first quarter, the Brownies received 5 points from sophomore center Kelli Trudel and a basket by senior Joelle Dion.

The Panthers' Gaze, from her center position, scored from the inside with less than two minutes to play to give them a slim, 8-7 first quarter edge.

The offense of both teams picked-up considerably in the second quarter. The Brownies took the lead, 17-13 when Gina Serra hit two field goals midway through the period.

But, the tight battle continued by the intermission when Cathedral finished the quarter on an 8-4 run. Both team's went to the rest stop at 21-21.

The second half left no doubts. Cathedral scored often from the inside and their bothersome zone defense, headed by guards Laflamme and Kristin Kingston, shutdown the locals.

Cathedral reeled off the first 7 points of the third quarter to take a 28-21 lead.

Agawam responded with baskets by Serra, Leah Negrucci, and Dion, to get things close again. Laflamme hit a baseline jumper with time running out and the Panthers led, 36-28 at the station break.

Trudel highlighted Agawam's fourth quarter play as she scored 7 of her game-high 12 points. Kathy Landry was the only other player to score that quarter. Cathedral continued to apply the pressure and went on a 16-9 blitz to close out the win.

Besides Trudel, Dion (8), and Negrucci (6) accounted for Agawam's points.

Against the powerful Hurricanes of Amherst, Rhonda Jackson and Jody Fink combined for 45 points in the siege of Agawam.

The Brownies were led by frontliner Cari Brown (12) who played a good game despite the overwhelming score. Trish Landry and Leah Negrucci each tossed 11.

The locals close-out their season with games vs. West Springfield (presstime) and Longmeadow on Friday, February 22nd.

Both AHS Swim Teams Place 11th At Tourney

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Both the Agawam High boys' and girls' swim teams finished in 11th place at the Western Mass. Championships held last weekend at Springfield College, out of respective fields of 19 teams.

The boys, under coach Dave Smith, finished 7-7 on the regular season. The girls, coached by Dee Berkey, ended at 3-11.

Only a handful of Brownies swimmers qualified for Western Mass. competition. A very strong field, headed by swim powers Longmeadow and Northampton, consumed most of the top honors.

The Brownie girls' only swimmer to qualify for the finals was frosh sensation Anne Llewellyn. She completed a highly impressive, record-breaking season with two fine performances.

In the 200-yard freestyle, she captured fourth place overall in a time of 2:05.41. In the 100-yard freestyle, she place fifth in 58.57. She owns school records in several events as the season ends.

For the AHS boys, diver Fred Depka, a senior, took fourth place with 363.30 points. He narrowly edged Amherst's Dan Calderon by one point. Depka will be competing at the Massachusetts State Swim Championships on February 22nd and 23rd at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Other Brownies who competed in the finals were the 200-yard medley team of Jason Osborne, Jeff Hastings, Rich Vezis, and Mike Wojcik. They placed 11th in 1:57.8.

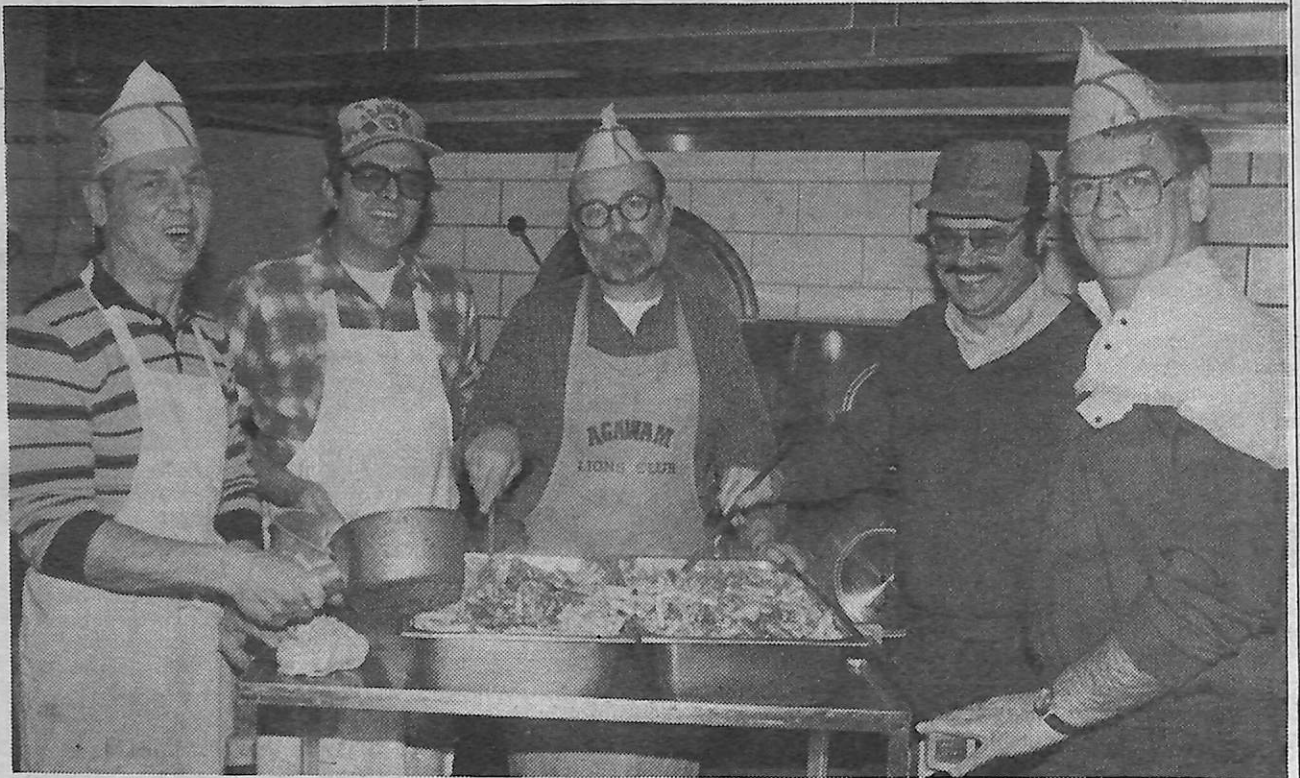
The 400-yard free relay team of Wojcik, Jay Duvall, Dave Allen, and Vezis, captured 10th in 3:50.8.

Vezis took 11th in a field of 12 finalists in the 100-yard backstroke (1:05).

Dave Allen swam his personal best in the 500-yard freestyle (5:58), but just missed qualifying for the finals with a 13th place.

According to Smith, the two boys' relay teams are heading for state competition to gain valuable experience against even better competition.

Lions Club Prepares Food For Mat Tourney



AROUND SUPPERTIME at the Agawam High School on Saturday, February 16th, members of the Agawam Lions Club helped members of the school's Wrestling Booster Club prepare a macaroni supper to feed the hundreds of wrestling fans who had converged at AHS to watch the Division I Western Mass. Schoolboy Tournament. From left - Matt Blackak, Dick Bassett, Ron Mesick, Ron Wieners, and Tom O'Keefe. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

NCAA Div. II Tourney Has Several Awards

For the third consecutive year, two collegiate basketball players - a woman and a man - will become the recipients of the NCAA Division II Player-of-the-Year.

The presentations will be made at a public luncheon during the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, Friday, March 22nd, in Marriott Hotel.

The championships will be March 21st-23rd in the Springfield Civic Center; March 21st, women's semi-finals; March 22nd, men's semi-finals; and March 23rd, both championships.

The men's trophy, sponsored by Spalding, was presented to Earl Jones, University, District of Columbia, in 1983 and 1984. The recipient is selected by the

National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Jackie White of California State University at Pomona, in 1983, and Carla Eades, Central Missouri State, 1984, are the recipients of the women's award, sponsored by Champion Products. The winner is selected by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Both awards are on permanent display at the Basketball Hall of Fame in the city where the game, known as the American game, was invented by Dr. James Naismith in December, 1891.

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Cebula Heads Youth Hoop Tourney

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Second Annual Wilbraham Invitational Suburban Basketball Tournament, which features 350 boys from 30 different suburban teams, including two from the Agawam Athletic Association, got underway this week.

"The Best in Youth Basketball" is the theme of the tourney as 15 teams in each division (5th-6th grade; 7th-8th grade) are now competing for the championship of their respective divisions. Teams competing are from the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Suburban Amateur Youth Basketball League.

Last Season's Inaugural

The 1985 tournament showed an increase of six teams over last year's total of 24, according to Tom Cebula, commissioner of the Suburban Basketball League.

Cebula, assistant vice president of commercial loans at Bank of New England West of Springfield, along with Tony Herdeman, recreation director of Wilbraham, are co-directors of this year's tournament.

Cebula is the former manager of the bank's Agawam branch in Agawam Center. He is also well-known for his involvement as a softball umpire during the spring and summer in the local amateur men's circuit. Besides this, he regularly attends the Dave Cowens (former Boston Celtic) basketball camp each summer as an assistant coach.

It was the dedicated efforts of Cebula and Herdeman that first got the tournament off the ground last year. Agawam Athletic Association suburban coaches, John Hyland (5th-6th grade) and Bob Hersey and Art Serra (7th-8th grade) both told us that the Wilbraham tournament is both well-run and a great experience for the local Agawam players.

Cebula told us, "There were many reasons why we thought the tournament would be such a success. First of all, it's something for the kids to look forward to at the end of the season."

"Second, it gives teams a chance to play teams not in their own league. It's a good opportunity to give recognition to the 350 kids who worked hard all season, whether they were winning or not."

Cebula is especially proud that teams from as far away as Greenfield are competing in 1985.

"It's a chance for the kids to show their peers all that they've learned during the season. There are no losers here at the tournament. Everyone competing is a winner because they've tried hard all season long to improve their skills. Every team has a shot at winning the championship."

Another key ingredient to the success of the tournament, according to Cebula, is the support of not only the Wilbraham townspeople but from groups and individuals throughout the area.

At Least 20 Towns Involved

"There are at least 20 different towns involved in this tournament and the support and help we've received has been overwhelming," noted Cebula.

"This tournament has mushroomed from last year and the best part about it is that the kids will reap all the benefits," he added.

At presstime, the Agawam AA boys' 5th-6th grade team was heading into the second round of competition after a 39-28 victory over Holy Cross of Springfield. The Agawam AA 7th-8th graders dropped their opening round game to Ludlow, 57-49.

A high-powered Westfield Whips knocked-out the Agawam Athletic Association sponsored boys' 7th-8th grade suburban basketball team, 88-63 on Thursday, February 14th in the final regular season game of the season.

And at the Second Annual Wilbraham Invitational Suburban Basketball Tournament, the AAA boys were knocked out of the competition by Ludlow, 57-49 in the first round on Monday, February 18th.

The AAA boys, under the direction of coaches Bob Hersey and Art Serra, finished with an overall record of 8-12.

At the Wilbraham tournament, the game was a nailbiter for three quarters as Agawam and Ludlow were deadlocked, 32-32 going into the final quarter.

However, Ludlow's deadly 9-11 free throw shooting down the stretch sank Agawam's chances for the victory.

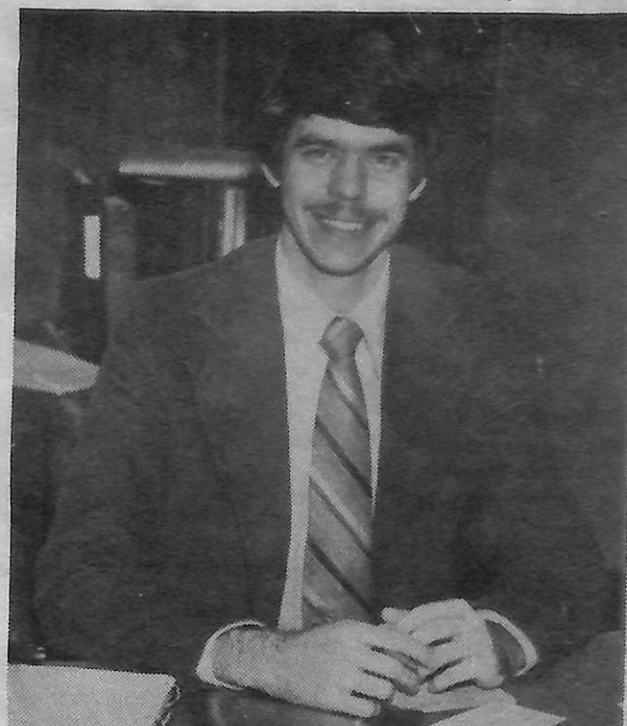
Aaron Vanderhoof took game-scoring honors with 22 points to pace Agawam. Teammates John Serra (8), Darren Brown (8), John DePalma (6), and George Corgan (5) provided balanced scoring.

Ludlow took an early, 12-6 first quarter lead, but Vanderhoof's hot-hand ignited them to a 22-20 halftime lead.

Defensive pressure from Brown, Dave Clark, Travis Hyland, and strong boardwork from Mike Morassi and Tim Bellows kept Agawam in the running until the final stanza.

Ludlow's inside game came to life when they outscored the AAA boys, 25-17 in the final stanza.

Carrying their offensive load were Rob Tyberski (15), Jim McDonald (17), and Ed Potorski (11). "We weren't able to contain them down low in the fourth. The kids played an excellent game. We were very much in the ballgame," said Serra. "It was disappointing to lose, but we still had a nice time just participating in the tournament."



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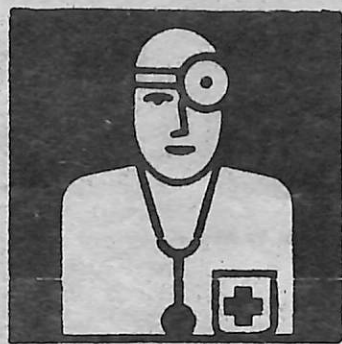
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